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FIRE AT HASTINGS

\$200,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.

Plant of Libbey & Co., Much Fine Lumber Stock and Many Business Places Destroyed by Fire—Evidently the Work of an Incendiary—Strong Wind Was Blowing and the Flames Spread With Great Rapidity—St. Paul Sent Two Engines to Assist in Fighting the Fire.

Hastings, Minn., Dec. 27.—Christmas at this point was ushered in by a fire which destroyed property valued at about \$200,000. Nearly three blocks of buildings in the business portion of town, principally fronting on Vermilion street, were burned. The fire broke out in R. C. Libbey & Co.'s saw mill, evidently the work of an incendiary, and the entire plant, with planing factories, store houses, lumber offices, sheds, etc., were consumed, at an estimated cost of about \$65,000, with nominal insurance on the stock. Over 1,500,000 feet of upper grade lumber was also consumed. A strong north-west wind was blowing and the flames spread rapidly to St. John's hotel, owned by John Kleis, and the saloon of Kleis & Grub, both buildings being laid in ashes. The fire then swept across Second street and laid low the business houses for nearly a block. On the west side of the street, the residence of R. C. Libbey & Co., and a tenement occupied by Bert Paulson were burned. The sparks finally extended to the four-story building of W. R. Mather, in the adjoining block to the south, which was quickly enveloped in flames, and nothing but the walls of the old landmark remain. The adjacent dwelling of M. D. Franklin was next to take fire and was soon destroyed. The relentless flames then swept forward to the blacksmith and paint shop of Cavanaugh & Currier, both buildings being totally destroyed. Most of the buildings burned were only partly insured and the loss upon owners will fall rather heavily. The flames made a brilliant spectacle in the heavens and could be seen for miles.

Mayor Fred Busch wired the mayor of St. Paul for aid and as soon as possible two steamers and supply wagons were sent down and materially aided in subduing the further spread of the destructive flames. The fire was the worst Hastings has suffered for many years, and not only many people are thrown out of employment but rendered homeless as well.

A BROKEN WHEEL.

The Cause of a Railroad Wreck at Pomona, Cal., Dec. 27.—A special to the Times from Pomona says: A broken wheel on the engine of the local train from Los Angeles caused a bad wreck. As a result one person, an unknown woman, was killed, four persons were badly injured, while six or eight are suffering from serious wounds.

Cowboys Catch a Bear.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 27.—Three cowboys, Jim Miller, Jim McCoy and Mont Griffin captured a bear across the line in Wyoming by means of ropes. Bruin put up a long chase and a hard fight, but was dextrously handled by the cowboys, who eventually tied him up in a ball and loaded him into a wagon. The animal was taken to Sun Dance, where it was kept until sold to a butcher.

American Express Generous.

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Every employee of the American Express company throughout the country received a check of \$5 as a Christmas gift from the company. A circular accompanying the checks states that the gift is made for faithfulness in the performance of duty. It is estimated that the aggregate sum of the gift will reach \$60,000 or \$70,000.

Bell Was a True Prophet.

Moorhead, Minn., Dec. 27.—John J. Bell, an old resident of Moorhead and one of the proprietors of the Exchange hotel, was found dead in his bed. The cause is thought to have been heart failure, and the strangest thing in connection with his death is that he himself predicted it the evening before.

Big Ranch Sale.

Chamberlain, S. D., Dec. 27.—D. H. Henry, president of the Bank of Chamberlain, has sold his large ranch east of Pukwana. The ranch contains 450 acres and was sold for \$4,800. Kendall & Dowd, stock dealers at Pukwana, were the purchasers.

Master Mechanic Bently Resigns.

Baraboo, Wis., Dec. 27.—It is reported in railroad circles that H. D. Bentley, who has been master mechanic of the Madison division of the Chicago & Northwestern road for nearly a year, has resigned. He goes to the Michigan Central.

Regular Thing at Ipswich.

Ipswich, S. D., Dec. 27.—J. Thompson's livery and sale stable, J. Owen's blacksmith shop and A. Bochet's restaurant and saloon burned. Incendiary is suspected. The estimated loss is \$5,000; insurance, \$500.

Old-Time Resident Gone.

Bayfield, Wis., Dec. 27.—George Stark, aged seventy-six, died after a short illness. He was one of the first settlers in this vicinity, and had resided here for over fifty years.

FAREWELL TO BROOKE.

Banquet Tendered to the Departing Governor General.

Havana, Dec. 24.—Sixty-five persons were present at the farewell banquet tendered to Gen. Brooke yesterday at the Paris restaurant. Gen. Mario Menocal presided and Mr. Ernest Lee Conant acted as toastmaster. Senor Llorente, in proposing the health of Gen. Brooke, said:

"Gen. Brooke was called upon to govern Cuba under the extremely difficult conditions of transition from the old, narrow system to the new, liberal regime, and he did so without injuring the rights of any one. Cubans will remember him with gratitude and love."

Maj. Gen. Wood, who spoke briefly in response to words of welcome, said: "The United States is in Cuba in the person of representatives who intend to carry out a great work and to fulfill strictly the promises of the United States congress. As for myself I can only do what the president has sent me to do; but I hope to enjoy the esteem and confidence of the Cuban people as Gen. Brooke has enjoyed them."

Gen. Ludlow said: "Those American officials who remain behind may count themselves fortunate if, when the time comes for them to leave the island, they are followed by the respect and good wishes of those whom they in turn leave behind as Gen. Brooke is about to do. The Cubans have had no better friends than the American officers."

Gen. Brooke, responding, said in part: "I shall always remember the long hours of toil in Cuba, but I shall also ever recall the kindness shown me by all Cubans, especially by those who realize that the Americans are their best friends."

Gen. Brooke will leave to-day for Tampa. A squadron of the Seventeenth cavalry and a battery of the Second artillery, with a band, will escort him from the palace to the wharf. A major general's salute will be fired from Cabañas as the steamer leaves the harbor at 1 o'clock. A governor general's salute will be fired in honor of Gen. Wood.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Eleven Lives Lost at a Christmas Rehearsal.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 24.—While the school children of St. Francis' parochial school were rehearsing for an entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening one of their dresses caught fire from a gas jet and ten minutes later four of them were burned to death, two died an hour later and five others died before midnight. Half a dozen others are badly burned. All the dead are between nine and eleven years of age. Helen Soebbing and several other teachers, Father Nicholas and Prof. Frank Muehlhoff were painfully burned in trying to save the children.

The fire started in a little dressing room. Three or four little girls were there dressing for the rehearsal and laughing among themselves. A dozen others were grouped in the wings of the stage near the foot of the stairs descending from the dressing room. The girls in the dressing room had nearly completed their costumes when one of them brushed against the gas jet. A touch of the flame was sufficient, and in an instant her dress of cotton was in a blaze. She screamed and ran out of the room, communicating the blaze as she ran. One of the girls jumped out of a small window into the stairs leading to the stage and down the stairs. A flaming torch she was as she almost fell down the stairs and rushed into the groups of children standing in the wings. They were all clad like her, in fancy costumes of cotton, lace and silk, and the fire spread with incredible rapidity from one to the other. There were fourteen children in the cast of the Christmas entertainment and only a few escaped. It was all over in ten minutes, and in that time four had perished, seven were fatally burned and others more or less severely injured.

INDIANS FOR SHOW.

Custom Heretofore in Vogue Has Received a Sudden Quiet.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A new departure in the policy of the department of the interior is emphasized by unequivocal refusals which have not all recent requests for loans of Indians for exhibition purposes. Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones have determined to stop the abuses of the privileges, and have so stated in a number of communications lately. Mr. Jones said: "There will be no more Indians permitted to leave their reservations for Wild West exhibition purposes. They cannot secure the consent of the Indian bureau for their exhibition, save it be along the lines showing the progress of Indian education. The day of the department's permitting Indians to be let for Wild West shows and such affairs is past. It demoralizes the Indians, many of whom would dress in citizens' clothes and otherwise conform to more civilized ways but for the dollars and cents there is in continuing in their customs."

FIGHT WITH NEGRO MOB.

They Attempt to Rescue a Prisoner—Two Negroes Wounded.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 24.—A mob of negroes 1,000 strong attempted to take a prisoner away from two policemen in the negro quarter of the city yesterday. The officers fired on the negroes, wounding two. The blacks assaulted the policemen with sticks and stones, and the entire police force was called, preventing further trouble. The trouble grew out of the killing of a notorious negro burglar by Sam White, Sam Jacobs and Abe Levin, white men.

TRICK OF THE BOERS

CIRCULATION OF THE REPORT REGARDING LADYSMITH.

No Confirmation of the Report That the City Could Hold Out for Several Weeks and It Is Feared That It Was Circulated by the Boers for Their Own Purposes—Winston Churchill Arrives at Delagoa Bay and Will Soon Be Heard From—Single Boer Success Might Cramble Boer Fighting Line.

London, Dec. 24.—Belated South African dispatches throw no light upon the present situation at the seat of war. There is no confirmation of the report that Ladysmith could hold out several weeks longer, and it is feared that this was circulated by the Boers for their own purposes. It is hoped that Mr. Winston Churchill, having arrived safely at Delagoa Bay, will soon be heard from regarding conditions in the Transvaal, as he must have obtained important information.

A Cape Town dispatch dated Sunday, Dec. 17, reports that Commandant Diedericks, of the Boer forces, was killed in a recent engagement, but no details are given. Advices from Naau Poort describe everything as quiet there and the only fresh news from Arundel concerns the weather, which is exceedingly hot.

Lord Kitchener will join Lord Roberts at Gibraltar. The earl of Froll, hereditary lord high constable of Scotland and will accompany the commander-in-chief in special service. The earl of Derby is raising a corps of volunteers in Lancashire. Mr. Victor Christian Cavendish, member of parliament for West Derbyshire and heir apparent of the duke of Devonshire, has volunteered to go to the front.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Times, under date of Dec. 17, says: "The fighting line of the Boer army is very thin and a single British success might crumble it completely. The real danger, however, is not the military situation, but the likelihood of a 'Dutch rebellion, which would make the area of war so vast that an additional 50,000 men would be easily swallowed up in maintaining the enormous length of British communications."

Referring to tardy acceptance of assistance from local forces the correspondent says: "Gen. Buller undoubtedly at the beginning displayed a certain self-sufficiency and unwillingness to accept local advice and assistance which events quickly modified."

How the French Look at It.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The serious reverses of England has led to the impression here that she might yield and accept mediation, but the absence of despondency on the part of Britons generally, and their apparent determination to fight to a finish came as a surprise to most Frenchmen and evoked admiration for England's coolness and self-confidence from all but the Anglophobe organs. The Figaro has warned Frenchmen against the idea that Great Britain would accept the mediation of Germany, Russia or even the United States at the present stage of the war.

Stonewall Jackson's Tactics. London, Dec. 24.—The Daily News sees immense significance in the fact that Lord Roberts has appointed on his staff Lieut. Col. Henderson, author of the life of Gen. Stonewall Jackson, the Confederate leader, and a man who has closely studied the history of the American Civil war, especially as he has not served under Lord Roberts before and is but little known to him personally. The appointment is regarded by the Daily News as proving Lord Roberts' belief that what is wanted in the war in South Africa is a strict appreciation of Jackson's principles. It also connects the appointment with the rumor that Gen. Joubert served under Gen. Stonewall Jackson.

STATE WILL PROSECUTE.

Gov. Poynter Orders Proceedings Against Soldiers for Killing a Deserter.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 24.—Gov. Poynter yesterday instructed the prosecuting attorney of Sarpy county to begin proceedings against the two regulars of Fort Crook who were implicated in the shooting and killing of a deserter from that post several weeks ago. At the time of the killing the Sarpy county authorities decided that they had no jurisdiction and left the matter to the military authorities. The men were arraigned on the charge of murder before a court-martial and acquitted. If the civil authorities of Sarpy county refuse to act the governor will order the attorney general of the state to begin criminal proceedings.

PRIVATE SERVICES.

Gen. Lawton's Remains Temporarily Placed in a Vault.

Manila, Dec. 24.—Gen. Lawton's remains were placed in the chapel at Paco cemetery. Private services were held at the residence and the body was carried to the cemetery by members of the general's staff and escorted by Troop I of the Fourth cavalry. Public services will be held later.

They Buy Artillery.

London, Dec. 24.—An authority who is to be relied upon for the information he gives, said yesterday that the Filipinos had placed a large order with a continental firm for artillery. When asked where the Filipinos were getting the money, he said: "They have plenty of money to keep things going."

CHOKED TO DEATH.

Peculiar Accident to an Elevator Employee at Morris.

Morris, Minn., Dec. 27.—A very peculiar accident, resulting in death, occurred at the elevator of S. Stewart. Maurice Mellicke, one of the employees, went up into the elevator to oil some of the machinery. The odor of burning cloth was distinguished and a search was immediately made to locate the fire. Mr. Stewart found Mellicke's body in the machinery, with his clothing so tightly drawn around his throat that he had been choked to death and his clothing was burning from the friction with the bands. It is supposed that he had crawled under this set of bands to adjust or oil the machinery, and that his jacket had caught in the band and thus strangled him.

NEGRO RUNS AMUCK.

Started to Climb Out a Camp but Was Killed.

Hanna, Wyo., Dec. 27.—A negro by the name of Lucius Miller, employed at a Union Pacific grading camp on the Hanna-Dana cut-off, armed himself with a pitchfork and, swearing he would kill every man in camp, started on his mission. He cracked the heads of several graders and was having everything his own way when he went to the contractor's supply wagon, where he met Troy Pendleton, a white man. Pendleton watched his chance, when he whipped out a revolver and fired full in the negro's face. Miller fell to the ground mortally wounded, and died shortly afterward. No arrest was made as the shooting appeared to have been done in self-defense.

CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNED.

Costly Edifice at Adrian Destroyed by Fire.

Adrian, Minn., Dec. 27.—Fire was discovered in the Catholic church, which caused a complete loss. The parochial school and the new parsonage were saved. The church was built in 1884 and 1885, and was brick veneered, with a steeple 110 feet high. The church was conceded to be the best in the state outside the cities. It cost, originally, \$10,000, but improvements amounting to nearly as much more had been added the past two years. It was the pride of the town. The fire started from the furnace in the basement. The insurance was \$10,000. No time will be lost in formulating plans for rebuilding.

SANTA CLAUS SINGED.

Two Thousand Express Packages Are Burned in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—More than 2,000 people will be disappointed in not receiving Christmas presents this year, because fire destroyed fully that number of packages at a warehouse of the United States Express company. No St. Paulites will share in the disappointment, however, as the packages burned were what is known as "transfer freight" for other points. General Manager Olds estimates the company's loss at \$1,200. The property was insured. The building was damaged to the extent of \$500.

BURNING PRAIRIE.

Serious and Unusual Winter Experience for South Dakota.

Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 27.—During a high northwest wind a prairie fire was started east of Eureka and swept over the country, causing great destruction of hay and grass on ranges. No reports from the burned district have been received, but many farmers must have been entirely burned out. The fire was the most extensive for years, embracing a tract several miles long and five miles wide. "Great anxiety is felt for the safety of people in the path of the fire as the wind was blowing a gale."

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Holiday Spree at Blue Earth Leads to a Tragedy.

Blue Earth, Minn., Dec. 27.—Clifford, son of E. D. Yendes, a prominent citizen, was found dead in an alley. He had been drinking, and it is supposed fell and was stunned and could not help himself. His body was frozen stiff. He leaves a wife and one child. He was a trusted employee of the Blue Earth Milling company, and, aside from his love of strong drink, had no faults. An inquest will be held.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

Operator Blunders and a Collision Is the Result.

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 27.—By a wreck on the Northern Pacific yesterday six miles east of Bear Mouth four men were killed and several injured. The operator at Bonito allowed the freight train from the west to pass when it should have been held on siding. As soon as the operator at Bonito heard of the wreck he took to the hills and has not been heard of. He was a substitute.

Company's Generous Donation.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27.—A special from Carbonado says the Carbon Hill company gave \$500 to each widow and \$100 to each child of a miner killed in the recent explosion. Mothers dependent upon lost sons for support were treated on the same basis as widows. This donation of the company represents a total of about \$10,000. Relief fund contributions from all parts of the state will amount to a large sum.

Chief Murphy Recovering.

Moorhead, Minn., Dec. 27.—Chief of Police Murphy, who was shot through the abdomen a week ago, continues to improve, and his condition is better than at any time since he received the wound. Surgeons and nurses think the chances for recovery are now in his favor.

MAY PROLONG WAR

GLANDERS BREAKS OUT IN BOER AND BRITISH CAMPS.

Disease Is Likely to Spread Much More Rapidly Among British Horses Than Among Hardened Boer Ponies—Boer Position at Frere Being Strengthened—Buller Seems More Anxious to Keep the Enemy at Bay Than to Advance—Dutch Disaffection Is Assuming Serious Proportions.

London, Dec. 27.—Up to this hour nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there. The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounded, as well as accounts of sickness. The most serious report of the last class is that horse sickness has broken out in both British and Boer camps in Natal. Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardened Boer ponies, and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

A dispatch from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, Dec. 19, says: "The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenso foot bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of the Tugela river. The enemy are taking fresh positions on the eastern side near the Boer camp. The Boer position at Frere is being strengthened. The Tugela river is rising and there is a prospect of heavy rains. A two-hour bombardment of Ladysmith has been heard from here. According to reliable native reports the Boers had 200 killed in the fight at Colenso."

The news that the Colenso footbridge had been destroyed seems to show that Gen. Buller is more anxious to keep the enemy at bay than to attempt a further advance. Despite the severity of the situation here, hints are being continually received of the serious spread of Dutch disaffection in both the Queens-town district of Cape Colony and Natal. A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pietermaritzburg says: "The extent of Dutch disaffection should make the imperial authorities realize the magnitude of the task before them."

There are unconfirmed reports from Cape Town that Gen. Sir Charles Warren, commanding the Fifth division, has returned there. The Times makes the following announcement: "We are informed that the government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrison in India unless unforeseen difficulties arise."

An undated heliographic message from Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, represents the garrison as in no way daunted by Gen. Buller's reverse as Colenso and as confident of being able to hold out indefinitely.

The action of the United States government causes considerable discussion regarding the contraband question as affecting Delagoa Bay and Portugal. Widely divergent opinions are expressed. The Daily Graphic, in an editorial on the subject, says: "We believe that every provision has been made in British treaties with the United States for dealing with this matter. In the special circumstances of the present war the government is bound to regard food as contraband. No doubt the food can be satisfactorily settled by paying compensation for the seizures of American flour. The only question of neutrality, however, is more serious, and Great Britain's duty is to have the Lourenso Marques Transvaal railway watched by capable agents and to warn Portugal that she will be held liable in damages for assistance to the Boers by means of the railway."

The first batch of Boer prisoners has arrived in England. It is announced that the government has accepted an offer of a squadron of Canadian rough riders.

YOUNG IS GOVERNOR.

Appointed Military Governor of Northwestern Luzon.

Manila, Dec. 27.—Gen. Young has been appointed military governor of the provinces of Northwestern Luzon, with headquarters at Vigan. His command includes the Luzon R. Hare and the Third cavalry. He will establish permanent stations at San Fernando and Iloilo, and with outposts wherever needed. The Sixteenth infantry will proceed to Aparri, garrisoning such towns as may be deemed necessary in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya, of which Col. Hood has been appointed military governor. Gen. Young and Col. Hood are establishing civil municipal governments and the ports in Northern Luzon will be opened for trade about Jan. 1.

DEED OF A DRUNKEN MAN.

Quarrel in a Poker Room Ends in Murder.

Clinton, Ill., Dec. 27.—At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a murder was committed at Weldon, ten miles south-east of here. Harry Summers, Jr., of Weldon, a carpenter, and "Doc" Marcum, a farm hand, engaged in a quarrel in a poker room where Marcum was shot and killed. Summers was drunk at the time of the killing. The citizens were greatly excited and Marcum was hurried to Clinton as it was feared an attempt would be made to lynch him. It is not known whether he had relatives in Piatt county.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Overflow From the Wires in a Condensed Form.

On New Year's day direct telephone communication will be opened between Berlin and Paris.

Two men were knocked from a railroad bridge seventy feet high at London, Tenn. One will die.

The late duke of Westminster left real estate valued at \$150,000,000. He owned 600 acres in London.

Baron Ludlow of Heywood, former recorder of Exeter, subsequently judge of the court of appeal, died in London in his seventy-third year.

The North German Lloyd Steamship company has bought out the Scottish Oriental Steamship company's steamers, fourteen in number, and will continue the service to Hongkong and Singapore with increased sailings.

Judge Taft, in the United States circuit court, has decided that stock in national banks must be listed for taxation at its full tax value, disallowing the customary deductions to the amount of indebtedness of the holders.

Manley Lawton, the twelve-year-old son of Gen. Lawton, was a volunteer on his father's and Gen. Grant's staff. The boy was under fire first at La Loma church, where his father had taken him to make a visit to Gen. MacArthur in March.

William Chapman Poynter, father of Gov. Poynter, died at his home at Albion, Neb., aged seventy-nine. He was born in Kentucky, lived many years at Eureka, Ill., and has been a resident of Nebraska fifteen years. Gov. Poynter was with his father when he died.

Mrs. Louis L. Mann, secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary of the Blue and Gray Legion, has received a letter from President McKinley saying that Mrs. Potter Palmer will be appointed director of the American woman's department at the Paris exposition.

Admiral Dewey was sixty-two years old Christmas, and under the ordinary process of law would be placed on the retired list on that account. The special law under which he was advanced to the head of the navy makes no provision for his retirement, and he will continue on the active list.

Senator Beveridge says the currency bill undoubtedly will pass the senate the first thing after the holiday recess, and that immediately after its passage the question of the Philippines will be taken up. He says the Republicans of the senate will make a stand for expansion and will fight for the annexation of these islands.

Former Gov. Robert W. Furness, now in his seventy-sixth year, and Mrs. S. E. Jamison, were married at the home of the bride at Brownsville, Neb. For fifteen years Mr. Furness has been secretary of the board of agriculture and is well known in Eastern and Western states as a successful fair manager. Mr. Furness lost his first wife three years ago.

Judge De Haven, in the United States court at San Francisco, has decided that minors over eighteen do not require the consent of their parents to enlist in the navy and when once enlisted they must serve their term. The decision was made in the case of Edward L. Norton, aged nineteen. His mother sought his release on a writ of habeas corpus, which was denied.

BLOODY AFFAIRS AT DALLAS.

Christmas Day Witnesses Several Murders.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 27.—Dallas has not known so many bloody affairs on Christmas in many years. Charles Miller shot Walter Meyers dead in the street and fled. Later he surrendered and claims he shot in self defense. Albert Hall got into a quarrel with two brothers named Edward and Murray Cecil and shot the Cecils. Edward is reported dying; Murray will recover. Hall is a fugitive. A negro not known to the police partially wrecked a Chinese restaurant in Erway street with a dynamite cracker. He returned later and hit the Chinaman, Dock Conn, in the head with a brick. As the Chinaman turned to get a pistol the negro ran away. The Chinaman fired on the first negro in sight and killed Jeff Thomas, an innocent bystander. The Chinaman is in jail. John McMillan and Clay Patton are suffering from bullet wounds and Phillips had a leg broken in three places by a bullet. They are white men and were attacked in different parts of the city by men who escaped and whose identity is not known to the police.

Accidentally Killed.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 27.—Frank Moore, aged fourteen, son of William Moore of Blue Mound township, while hunting on L. B. Gordon's farm yesterday afternoon in company with his cousin, Cecil Baldrige, aged thirteen, of Illinois, accidentally shot Baldrige, killing him instantly.

Oscar Wilde May Have to Fight.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Oscar Wilde, who has for some time been living in Paris, may have to fight a duel. According to the Echo de Paris he became involved in an altercation in a restaurant with M. Richet, the explorer, and as a result cards were exchanged.

Field Batteries From Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—Late last night the militia department received a cablegram from the war office in London asking that three field batteries be sent from Canada so there will be no change in the make-up of the second Canadian contingent.

Russian Industrial Rise.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—It is asserted in well informed circles that the Russian government will soon create a new ministry of commerce and industry, which is significant as bearing upon the phenomenal rise of Russian industry.

Set a bad example and it will hatch out mischief.

Narrow minds overlook a charitable act and search for the motive.

Some people are never so happy as when they have bad news to tell.

A fool may be able to answer questions that a wise man wouldn't ask.

If General Joubert is dead his soul is certainly marching on with great success.

When men have more money than they need they think they need more than they have.

All a man has to do to obtain so-called social success is to put a fair value on himself and live up to it.

A competitor to the Illinois State Farmers' society is in the field, and there will soon be two of these low-priced loan associations in active operation in Chicago. Competition is, in this case at least, the surest proof that the new idea is a success and has already achieved popularity among "gentle borrowers."

It has been discovered in St. Paul that electric ground connections, made by attaching wires to water pipes, not only ruin the pipes by electrolysis, but seriously interfere with the operation of the water meters. In one case a meter through which a large quantity of water was discharged failed to register. This was an extreme case and easily detected, but what the effect has been upon the indicators in cases where the current is not so strong the officers of the water board have no means to determine. To protect themselves, however, they have ordered the removal of all electric wires from the water pipes.

Personal reserve is sometimes lost sight of in the far West, as a famous sugar merchant from the East recently discovered. He had business in a Missouri town, and was lunching at a table with a native. "Hi, stranger," asked the other, "where you from?" The eastern man, having a stud farm in Kansas City, mentioned that place. "What's your business?" "Well, horses," came the reply. "Say, what's your name?" "None of your business," rejoined the disturbed sugar-dealer. Even in Ohio, settled largely by Massachusetts and Connecticut colonists, the eastern man sometimes finds himself in an atmosphere of frankness. "You are all talking about your western reserve," such a one recently remarked. "Blessed if I see any!"

A wheat calendar, giving the time of ripening in various countries, shows how the grain has all seasons for its own. Dwellers in the United States, for example, where so much of the land is resting during the winter months, find by the calendar that wheat is at the harvest point of growth in December for Burma and New South Wales agriculturists. January witnesses the same stage of development in Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina; while February and March are wheat harvest months for Upper Egypt and India. The list for June, July and August is the fullest. There is one feature, almost inevitable, in the world's annual wheat story. A shortage, real or fancied, is apt to be reported in some quarters, and then speculation sees its opportunity quite as soon as legitimate dealing.

The biograph is doing good service to science. A hospital in New York is adapting a machine to record minutely the actions of persons in epileptic fits and similar affections. Moving pictures have been taken showing the walking movements in persons afflicted with locomotor ataxia. When these films are reproduced on the screen doctors can study the symptoms carefully in the laboratory. The movements of all kinds of microbes are also being photographed, as well as the action of healthy and diseased corpuscles. When these pictures are magnified and thrown on the screen the improvement or decline in the condition of the patient can be told. One of the most interesting uses of the biograph is a photograph and show minutely the growth and flowering of plants from the time of planting until in full bloom. A picture is taken every half-hour continually for about thirty days and nights. In order to secure a uniform light for every view a powerful electric light is employed. Sometimes 1,000 pictures will be made of one subject. Should the subject be a lily the pictures at one stage will show the opening of the lily, while at another stage its fading away is seen. By quickening the time of the pictures on the screen the plant is actually seen to be growing.

Another cherished theme of the college orator and essay writer—the swift extinction of the American Indian—receives a shock when studied in the light of statistics, the figures in the case from the recent annual report of the secretary of the interior. According to that document there are now 267,417 Indians in the United States, while the census of 1890 showed a total aboriginal population of 249,473. "Poor Lo" has evidently taken a fresh grip on life and calmly and with exceeding stubbornness refuses to "pass away with the buffalo."

THE NEWS RESUME

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

A General Resume of the Most Important News of the Week From All Parts of the Globe, Boiled Down and Arranged in Convenient Form for Rapid Perusal. By Busy People.

Accidental Happenings.

Beall Bros' tool factory at Alton, Ill., has been destroyed by fire at a loss of \$35,000.

Two men were killed and two injured in a collision of two locomotives at Cleveland, Ohio.

Benjamin F. Harpstone of Decatur, Ill., shot himself accidentally, the wound proving fatal.

The Alhambra, the famous convention hall of Syracuse, N. Y., was destroyed by fire. The loss amounts to \$50,000.

The Norwegian bark Alexander Lawrence, from Ship Island, has arrived at Montevideo with beriberi on board, and the mate, a seaman and a boy are dead.

Roland McCulloch, the seventeen-year-old son of Samuel McCulloch of Anna City, Ill., was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting rabbits.

At Cincinnati the Lyceum, known until this season as the Star and formerly as the Havelin theater, was damaged by fire about \$2,000. The house has been remodeled for reopening next week and the newly adjusted electric wires caused the fire.

Criminal Record.

The national bank at Port Jervis, N. Y., has suspended, owing to a defalcation of the cashier.

Mrs. G. W. Shinn, wife of a Shelby county, Missouri, member of the state legislature, committed suicide.

Lena Myers, a domestic at Alton, Ill., committed suicide because she feared arrest for theft of which she was guilty.

E. S. Osborne of Springfield, Ill., has identified the body of a man who committed suicide last Wednesday as his brother-in-law, Charles Reynolds of Greenfield, La.

The supreme court of Georgia has refused a new trial to Burke Waters, a Seventh Day Adventist, convicted of violating the law in working on Sunday. His sentence is six months on the chain gang or a fine of \$65.

George Templeton, a negro, shot and fatally wounded Sanford White, superintendent of construction at the Rainey Coke works at Uniontown, Pa. After White fell he shot and mortally wounded Templeton. White died a few minutes after being shot.

While on trial, charged with murder and abortion at Dallas, Tex., Dr. S. M. Jenkins was shot and mortally wounded by a brother of Mary Wheat, one of the doctor's alleged victims. John Halligan, brother-in-law of Jenkins, fired at Wheat, missing him. Both are under arrest.

Foreign.

France has given assurances to protect United States interests in China.

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The German federal council has discontinued the favored nation privileges to products from the island of Barbados, British West Indies.

At a meeting of the Montreal harbor commissioners recently, a settlement was reached between the syndicate headed by W. J. Connors, Buffalo, and the commissioners for the erection of elevators at Montreal.

A series of experiments is about to begin at Havre with Baron d'Alessandro's invention of floating nets for use in storms for moderating the force of the waves. The invention is said to be superior in its effects to oil.

The Westminster Budget says that German influences are at work to capture the Russian market, being inspired to this attempt by the success of American importers into Russia and the aggressiveness with which they are occupying the field.

A dispatch from Port of Spain, Trinidad, says: Considerable attention is paid to the report here from Martinique that the military forces at Gaudeloupe and Martinique have been increased by the arrival of 5,000 troops. It is believed that the increase in troops is the outcome of the recent reference to Joseph Chamberlain's speech at Leicester and of the demand for protection of the colonies.

Personal.

United States Senator Thomas Martin was re-elected without opposition. The earl of Tankerville (Charles Bennett) is dead. He was born Jan. 10, 1810.

Adjt. Gen. Avery D. Andrews, of the New York state national guard, has resigned.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland is confined to his house with an attack of rheumatism.

J. G. Jackson, a clothing merchant of Muscatine, Iowa, was stricken with paralysis and died.

William Henry Lee, one of the best known hotel men in the country, was found dead in bed at New York.

James W. Reis, general manager of the National Steel company, died at Newcastle, Pa., aged about thirty-five years.

John Ruble, famous as a shot, who has participated in all the great shot-gun contests of the country, is dead at Beloit, Wis.

William H. Carpenter, author, poet and editor, died at his home in Baltimore, aged eighty-six years. He was born in England.

M. Nurma, distinguished Swiss statesman and former president of the confederation, died at Berne in his fifty-sixth year.

Garrett Russell, an unassigned recruit, died at a Philadelphia hospital. His home and parents are unknown.

Miss B. Hoffman, better known as Myrtle Peck, the horsewoman, died at her home in Silver Lake, near Kings ton, Mass.

Newton J. McGuire of Indianapolis, Ind., has announced his candidacy for the office of national commander of the Sons of Veterans.

Cable advices received at New York announce the death in Dublin on Tuesday of Prof. J. W. Glover, the eminent musician, aged 80 years.

A dispatch from Paris announces the death of Mrs. Walden Pell, aged eighty-eight years. She was a member of the well known Ellery family of Rhode Island, and was born in New Orleans, for which city she was christened Orleans Redwood Ellery.

Chief Justice David L. Snodgrass, of the Tennessee supreme court, has announced his candidacy for the United States senate. Judge Snodgrass is for expansion, favors retaining the country's new possessions, and declares emphatically against trusts.

Hon. William Vance Marquis, who was lieutenant governor of Ohio under the Campbell administration, died suddenly at Bellefontaine, Ohio, in the office of Dr. Chalfant, upon whom he had called for treatment. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

Rev. W. J. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the First United Presbyterian church of Allegheny, Pa., and moderator of the United Presbyterian general assembly which met at Philadelphia last May, died at Battle Creek, Mich., where he went three months ago.

From Washington.

United States Consul Hollis has arrived at Pretoria.

A committee of brewers is at Washington to ask for a reduction of the beer tax from \$2 to \$1 per barrel.

The cabinet discussed the Alaskan situation and it was decided that existing conditions required the immediate attention of congress.

John T. Bivins, of the District of Columbia has been appointed chief clerk of the internal revenue bureau, treasury department.

An order from Washington concerning the ownership of coasting vessels, threatens to seriously interfere with the commerce of Panay and the Negros islands.

Controller Tracewell finds that Rear Admiral Sampson was allowed \$540 too much by the auditor for the navy department in arriving at the differences in pay in the various grades which the admiral held.

Senator Foster of Washington introduced a bill extending the bounty provision of the homestead law to the soldiers who served in the war with Spain and who have served and are serving now in the Philippines.

Secretary Hay has directed Consul Gummere, at Tangier, to officially request the Moorish government to surrender Thomas J. Hunter, the alleged defaulting auditor of the Atlanta & West Point railroad of Georgia.

The secretary of the Treasury has notified the interior department that the appropriations relating to Alaska under the control of the treasury are so specific that they cannot be applied for the relief of Alaskan natives on Kodiak island, who are reported to be in a destitute condition.

Brig. Gen. Kellogg, recently appointed from colonel of the Sixth infantry, has been placed on the retired list. A similar course will be following in the case of Brig. Gen. Carpenter, recently promoted from colonel of the Eleventh infantry, and now on service in the Philippines. These retirements will cause two vacancies in the list of brigadier generals.

General.

John P. Squires & Co., Boston packers, assign, owing \$3,000,000.

The Michigan legislature holds a special session to consider railway taxation.

Recorder Senior of Paterson, N. J., has declared Sunday shaving a necessity.

The Federation of Labor returns to its former system of assessments for strike funds.

Rev. A. C. McGiffert was mildly censured by the New York presbytery, but will not be tried for heresy.

The Ohio supreme court has dismissed the charges of bribery against the Standard Oil company.

Pennsylvanians say they have discovered a great improvement upon Marconi's wireless telegraphy.

The Illinois anti-department store law is unconstitutional, according to the supreme court of that state.

The Democratic national committee will meet in Washington Feb. 22 to decide upon the convention place and date.

George R. White, tanner, of Hyndman, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$431,200; assets, \$200.

Mabini, the ablest of the insurgents, says that the Americans can end the guerrilla warfare by establishing liberal, secure and free government.

The bicycle trust has secured control of the plant of the Indianapolis Chain and Stamping company, the largest manufacturers of bicycle chains in the country.

Col. John P. Hopkins of the Hopkins circuit will rebuild the St. Charles in New Orleans, which burned recently. The new playhouse will cost \$200,000 and seat 3,000 persons.

The Charles A. Vogeler company, druggists, consisting of Christian Vogeler and his wife, formerly Miss Minnie A. Vogeler, have made a general assignment at Baltimore.

Germany officially takes possession of the Island of Apsa, Samoa. The natives choose Matafa for their king and proceed to drive the adherents of Mafalea out of the villages.

The United States transport ship Thomas, has arrived at Singapore. The Thomas left New York Nov. 2, having on board the Forty-seventh volunteer infantry, Col. Walter Howe.

The postoffice has issued a notice to the effect that, owing to the majestic, Britanic and Cymric being taken as transports, no White Star steamers will go to New York Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

NORTH DAKOTA

Hallock is having a diphtheria epidemic.

Portland is justly proud of its excellent fire department.

N. P. Rasmussen's new elevator at Dazey is well under way.

The Jamestown Northern has gone back to its three-times-a-week service.

The Hotel Minto has changed hands, and L. A. Kamrowski is the new proprietor.

Fargo is endeavoring to raise a \$100,000 endowment for the Congregational college.

Rev. Shaw of Cooperstown has accepted a call to the Congregational church at Wahpeton.

Col. Robinson is in Washington to attend the meeting of the national Republican central committee.

A number of cattle have disappeared in Kidder county this year, and it now thought a clue is had as to the thieves.

Cass county, the past year, raised one-tenth of the tax crop of the United States, and North Dakota nearly one-half.

Rev. Zellars, of the Congregational church of Mayville, preached on the inspiration of the Bible, holding that belief in its inspiration is in some cases untenable.

W. C. Fairbanks of Lakota has been appointed United States commissioner, vice Charles Adler, who removed to Minneapolis.

A grievance committee of Great Northern employees is at St. Paul endeavoring to adjust their differences with the road.

The ice harvest in the northern part of the state has begun. Up in Pembina county the ice averages over a foot thick and grades A1.

James McDonald of Fisher is looking for his roan pony and saddle, both of which disappeared at the same time that the hired man did.

Mayville citizens are jubilant over the water works and electric light plant, and expect them to be completed in the near future.

Gus Johnson of Fargo, who embezzled \$500 to pay a salary, and got a year in the penitentiary, the judges sentence that could be given.

Rev. Donald McKenzie was made pastor of the Presbyterian church at Larimore, a service of installation being held there for that purpose.

The Sargent county grand jury has been called, and will specially examine the gopher tail deals, that have involved the county in a debt of \$30,000.

Chief of Police Ross of Larimore tendered his resignation to the city council, and it was accepted. Mr. Ross will start a billiard parlor at that place.

Frank Cooney, who lived in the vicinity of Fort Totten, and his left arm crushed while coupling cars in Montana. The arm had to be amputated.

W. J. Stanley of Wahpeton had a narrow escape from death by being run over by a team while the drivers were having a free-for-all race down the boulevard.

Mike Hindrich of Mandan beat and bit his wife until she was covered with blood, and some of her fingers nearly chewed out. The brute was bound over to the district court.

Henry Cook, driver for the Great Northern Express company at Fargo, and an old company boy, has disappeared, and \$500 of the company's money is said to be missing.

It is said some of the settlers in Bottineau county will have trouble locating their claims next spring, as there is some confusion over a range, making a difference of six miles.

George Garvin was arrested at Ellendale on the charge of violating the prohibitory law. He waived examination and was bound over to the district court, bonds being fixed at \$300.

The residents of Sheyenne want H. C. Sanders to get a new trial. He was sentenced to the penitentiary on the charge of grand larceny. Judge Glaspell released him on \$1,000 bonds.

A show company, after playing at Davenport, found that the expenses overran the receipts, and decided that the members had better dissolve partnership and cancel engagements.

Judge Glaspell, in the case against John Dwyer, for selling liquor at Cooperstown, commended the sheriff for having arrested Dwyer without a warrant, when satisfied the law was being violated.

A seedy-looking chap who has been prowling about Steele and vicinity, is said to have been "spotting" for the Northern Pacific, and to have discovered that some of the farmers over there have been appropriating the company's snow fences.

The board of supervisors of Kidder county passed a resolution to give a \$100 bond to take the county's appeal from the state supreme court to the United States supreme court on a writ of error, in the decision of the county's tax suit against the Northern Pacific road.

It is said George Williams of Sheyenne took the train to go to New Rockford, and not having a ticket, tendered the conductor 50 cents; but it would not go with the conductor, and Mr. Williams was obliged to hit the ties back to town and procure a team for his trip.

A queer case will be tried at the next term of the district court at Bismarck. About a year since R. D. Redmon, the well known stockman, sold a jack to a Burleigh county man for \$700, taking a note therefor which he afterwards transferred to the Capital National Bank of Bismarck. Mr. Redmon has been arrested for not writing or stamping across the face of the note "given for a stallion," as is claimed is required by law. Now the question arises whether a jack is a stallion or not.

Mathgate citizens engaged a trio of Scottish bag-pipe players to serenade a newly married couple of Scottish extraction, which ended by all present taking a fall out of the highland fling, and 'tis said it was danced as was never danced before on the hills of old Scotland.

Latest reports in the sporting realm of North Dakota are the following announcements: Pugilistic encounter at Lisbon, Dec. 15, Will Gilbert and Mark Nelson; next W. H. Hulet and Mahoney or Martin Foss, and a one-mile race between Homer Armstrong and John Nelson.

McHenry has a new blacksmith shop. The Cathay band has been reorganized.

District court is in session in Valley City.

Wyndmere is to have a new millinery store.

A new billiard hall is being built in Wyndmere.

Emma H. Cotton, Williamsport, gets an \$8 pension.

Good business is reported to prevail throughout the state.

The M. E. church building at Knox is nearing completion.

The Washburn Townsite company has been incorporated.

The schools throughout the state are being closed for the holidays.

Louis Houg is missing from Enderado and his friends fear foul play.

The Grand Forks Gun club has wound up its business for 1899.

A sneak thief at Buffalo stole \$16 from the trunk of a schoolmarm.

Five new school houses were built in Rlette county the past summer.

The McHenry house at McHenry has been closed for want of boarders.

Courtenay farmers sent two carloads of horses to the Minnesota pinneries.

Some devilish cuss at Tower City gave his dog a drink of carbolic acid.

The Methodist church building at Moselle has been moved to Wyndmere.

Stutsman county farmers who held flax have been selling while the boom is on.

Dramatic companies find Dakota to be a prolific field for operations this year.

Enderlin will bond for \$4,000 with which to buy fire fighting apparatus and sink wells.

The flax fiber building at Mayville is completed and now awaits the placing of the machinery.

The cheese factory at Lisbon has had an output of twenty-nine tons of cheese this year.

Stone is being hauled for the foundation of the new I. O. O. F. hall to be erected at Rugby.

The wholesale houses of the state are reported as doing a big business before the holidays.

Adam Walters of Stutsman county applied to the United States court to be declared a bankrupt.

Fred Leithner of Barnes county recently taken to the insane asylum, is deaf, dumb and insane.

Fred Reuter is another Mandanite who refuses to pay any further bills contracted by his wife.

A dividend of 20 per cent will be paid the depositors of the First National bank in Pembina.

Henry Koehler was convicted of burglary at Valley City. He robbed Will Martin's house last summer.

The Rolla school house is too small for the large attendance. A new building will probably be erected in the spring.

The new reservoir at Milton has been completed and filled with water. Milton will now be able to compete with the demon fire.

The postoffice at Pembina has been assigned to the presidential class, to take effect Jan. 1. Salary of postmaster increased to \$1,000.

W. A. Booth of the Edna stock farm, near Valley City, sold six head of Shorthorn cattle to Col. Brown of Minneapolis for \$1,200.

The grand jury at East Grand Forks has returned a verdict of murder against Bishop Dorsey, who killed a man in Dan Sullivan's saloon.

Judge Lander denied a divorce to the plaintiff in the Hoge case at Fargo and granted the decree to the defendant wife with \$100 a month alimony.

Benjamin Van Sickle was arrested for slaughtering stock on L. S. Moyer's ranch in Kidder county, and was committed to jail in default of \$500 bonds.

Marshal White of Bottineau seized twenty-nine cases of groceries, each containing a jug of whisky, that arrived by freight for a local distillery agent.

The boiler and radiators for the new St. John's Academy building at Jamestown have arrived and will be placed in the building by E. Harrington of Fargo.

The Company D boys at Devils Lake held an enthusiastic meeting for reorganization and will hold another meeting to arrange for the securing of an armory.

R. H. Murphy, a Traill county farmer, has purchased a \$46,000 lot in Chicago and will build a \$50,000 residence. Mr. Murphy has made all his money raising wheat.

Benson county asks for bids for the purchase of \$20,000 in the bonds of the county. The bonds will mature in twenty years and will bear interest not to exceed 5 per cent.

Andrew Lokken tried to commit suicide by hanging at Preston, Ransom county, but was discovered and cut down before dead. Too much mother-in-law is alleged to be the cause.

Little Cecelia, Graham of Rolla was standing too close to a hot stove the other day and her dress caught fire. Luckily the fire was extinguished before the child had been seriously injured.

August Fichter and Frank Zimmers were arrested at Minto on the charge of stealing a load of wheat from a farmer. The boys are said to have hired a team from Matt Falconer. The former was bound over and Zimmers was discharged.

A bank has been started at Sheyenne by H. Peoples, J. H. Hohl and E. S. Siverson of New Rockford, all well known gentlemen. The former is a well known politician and has represented his district in the legislature.

The railroad company ceased work at the gravel pit in Steele and shipped their teams to Valley City to be employed in putting up ice for the company.

George Francis, one of the fellows who thought there was some gold awaiting them in the Klondike, thinks North Dakota the only money making place.

After one year's business the Merchants' bank of Pembina has deposits of \$60,000, with loans of about a like amount. The showing is a very creditable one and is an indication of prosperous conditions in Pembina county.

FORTY LIVES LOST

MANY MINERS CAUGHT IN AN EXPLOSION.

Disaster Was Caused by Workmen Carrying Open Lanterns—Presence of Gas in Quantities in the Mine Was Well Known—Heart-rending Scenes Witnessed at the Mouth of the Shaft—A Pit Boss Admits That Naked and Unlocked Safety Lamps Were Used in the Mine.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 27. — An explosion occurred at the Brazenell coal works, four miles from here Saturday. The number of the dead is estimated at forty, and may pass that figure. At the same time there is a strong presumption that the laws regulating mining were carelessly and probably criminally disregarded.

The force of the explosion was so great that the tippie at the head of the shaft was blown over. As soon as it was learned that an explosion had occurred the relatives of the entombed miners crowded around the mouth of the drift. The scenes were heart rending. Wives were crying in despair and children were weeping for their fathers. The managers of the mines have the pay rolls, but it has been impossible for them to discover all the survivors.

The explosion is the worst since the Hill mine disaster at Dunbar. The explosion was terrific and was heard plainly three miles distant. The main shaft was totally wrecked and rendered helpless. From statements obtained it seems clear that the presence of gas in quantities in the mine was perfectly well known and that naked lights were used for several days before the explosion. According to credible authority not a

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CHAPTER III. (Continued.)

"We have the L. A. on his left arm to do duty for that," insisted the inspector.

"I fancy sailors more often tattoo themselves with their own initials than their own," I remarked. "And I have always understood that they use the anchor as an emblem of hope in connection with their chosen fair ones. However, it is quite possible that you are right, and in any case, the initials furnish a very strong clue. Why don't your people offer a reward?"

"They are about to do so," he rejoined. "That is to say, the Home Office has sanctioned the offer of £100 for information leading to conviction. I am absolutely certain there are no 'pals' to be bribed in this case. The offer of £100 for proof of the identity of the murdered man might, perhaps, result in something; but this, of course, is hopelessly out of accord with all official precedent. And red tape does not stretch much, Mr. Weston."

"No, I suppose not," I made answer. "The description will, however, be circulated, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes! In the ordinary way, through the police force, and I dare say the Press will help with here and there a paragraph; but I can't say I feel hopeful as to results. Anyhow, I've done my best."

"And no one can do more," I added, cheerfully. "Besides, you ignore the greatest factor of all in the solution of a difficult case—the Chapter of Accidents." And my words were soon destined to be verified.

CHAPTER IV.

Mr. O'Flynn, of Dublin.

I soon found an opportunity of carrying out my intention to visit Dorchester, or rather the suburb of Dorchester, of which Madge's father was perpetual curate; and it is from that visit I date my first really determined effort to solve the strange case of which these memoirs form a partial narrative.

I went down, prepared to find Madge in great grief and tribulation, but I certainly did not anticipate the very unjust and harsh treatment I received at her hands. I could not have believed it possible that she, ordinarily so even-tempered and reasonable, should have taken so unfair a view of my action with respect to her brother. I can only account for it, even now, upon the assumption that when a woman's mind is deeply stirred about anyone very dear to her, she ceases to be guided by ordinary feelings of fair play and kindness towards others. And, of course, I felt the sting of her conduct the more keenly, inasmuch as I was almost her affianced lover.

I went over the whole story of Tom's disappearance again, with every detail since discovered, and I prefaced it by as gently worded a reference as I could frame to his gradual but fatal lapse into habits of intemperance. Madge had scarce patience to hear me to the end.

"Tom went to London," she said, with nervous emphasis, "under your advice, and, as we all understood here at home, very much under your guidance. You promised me over and over again to do your utmost for him."

"So I did," I put in, eagerly. "Had he been my own brother, I could not have done more for him. I introduced him to many men of influence in literary and press circles, and I rejoiced in the success that at first rewarded his efforts. Then, when I saw that he was beginning to fall under the influence of the demon, Drink, I used every species of argument and advice I could think of to win him back to a steadier life. Sometimes, for a day or two, my arguments would seem to prevail, but only to be once more swept away by his insatiable craving for alcohol. And so the deadly mischief went on; I hoping almost against hope, for reformation on his part, and he sinking steadily deeper and deeper into the mire."

"Yes; and all this time you left us in almost entire ignorance of the change for the worse that had come over him," she rejoined, bitterly. "An occasional hint that he was not so steady in his habits as formerly was all that we were told of poor Tom's miserable downfall."

"There I confess I was, perhaps, to blame," I acknowledged; "but I could see nothing to be gained, and a great deal of pain to be inflicted, by telling you the full, bitter truth. Moreover, he purposely kept out of my way, and made it plain, whenever we did meet, that he had a strong distaste for my company."

"You should have ignored that," persisted Madge. "Knowing that the poor fellow's judgment was utterly warped by drink."

"Impossible, Madge!" I retorted, with some warmth. "One may advise, help, save a man, but only on condition that he allows himself to be advised, helped, saved. You cannot rescue him, as you would a drowning child, by simply plunging in after him and dragging him ashore."

"Can't you?" she echoed, in a tone that was rapidly exhausting my patience. "Perhaps not. It needed a hero to do work like that; and my mistake has lain in supposing that you had aught of heroic in your composition."

"Have you any more unpleasant things to say?" I asked, with forced calmness.

"I have this much to say, Ralph Weston," was her answer. "Whatever truth there may be in your assertion that you fulfilled your self-imposed task of watching over my brother to the best of your ability, the fact still remains that you allowed him to leave your rooms during a blinding, danger-

ous fog, and when he was in no fit condition to be trusted in the streets alone. As a result, he now lies (if indeed, he still lives) under the ban of a terrible crime; and I, for one, do not hold you to be guiltless of his undoing. Give me back my brother, or never look me in the face again!"

"This may be very dramatic and high-toned," I retorted, stung past endurance, "but it is a monstrously unjust and heartless challenge. Nevertheless, I accept it for the love I have borne, and still bear, you. Make your mind easy upon this one point; that if energy and fixity of purpose can unravel the mystery which at present envelops your brother's disappearance, that the mystery will be unravelled. Let this assurance satisfy you for the present. Good-bye—Miss Webb."

"Good-bye—Mr. Watson," she rejoined, striving hard to suppress the tremor that would creep into her voice. "Make good your brave words, and I will one day ask your pardon on my knees for having wronged you. Meanwhile, poor Tom's shadow seems to stand between us like a pall, and I can only pray that you may succeed."

She held out her hand as she spoke, and after a momentary struggle with my pride, I took it in both mine.

"If I don't it shall not be my fault," I said. And so, for a time, we parted.

It was late in the evening when I reached town, and I called at our place of business mere as a matter of routine than with any expectation of finding my services in request. I was somewhat surprised, therefore, to find a message awaiting me from Mr. Hawkins (then my employer, it will be remembered) asking me to follow him to his private house without delay. I knew him to be the last man in the world to make such a request without good reason. And so, postponing my already overdue dinner, I jumped into a passing cab and hastened to Wolbur Square, where Mr. Hawkins resided.

I found him in his study, and with him an odd-looking old man whom he introduced as chief clerk to Messrs. O'Brien & Grudgery, the eminent Dublin solicitors. "Dined yet?" queried Mr. Hawkins, in his abrupt yet kindly way.

"No, sir," was my reply. "I got your message twenty minutes ago."

"All right," he said, approvingly. "Then you'll have to put up with a sandwich and a glass of sherry for the present and take it in supper later on. Mr. Flynn, here, has to catch the 8.25 from Euston, and I want you to take a lot of certain instructions his people are favoring us with. They are the sequel, apparently, of an inquiry case in Australia, which you had almost entire charge of early this year, when I was laid up. Remember it?"

"Oh! The Arnewood, or Arnot business," I replied. "Of course, I do. But I thought that was settled; the missing heir found and everybody satisfied? I felt rather proud of our success in that case, sir."

"Bedad, and well you might," put in Mr. O'Flynn, dividing what was doubtless meant as a complimentary smile between Mr. Hawkins and myself. "I never remember a job more neatly and quickly put through, as far as it went. And that's why I've been sent over here to beshpake your help again; for, if you'll believe it, we're no nearer the end than when we started."

"What?" I exclaimed, "did the wrong man turn up after a bit?"

"Sorra a bit of him turning up, right or wrong," was the quaint reply. "And that's what's bothering us intirely. Sure there's not an Arnewood in Ireland, from Capt. Richard himself (who, barrin' Mr. Luke, is heir by entail) down to old Mrs. George Arnewood of Tralee, but is clamoring for a share of the estate?"

I had previously produced my notebook and was taking down every word the old fellow uttered. But I had not the vaguest idea what he was talking about. Of "Captain Richard" I had never even heard, and who "old Mrs. George Arnewood of Tralee," might be I could not even conjecture.

"Upon my word, Mr. O'Flynn, I don't quite follow you," I confessed.

"Maybe not," he replied, with a dry chuckle. "And small blame to you, either, seeing the fog we're all in our selves. Then, too, there are the trustees—"

"Pardon me, sir," I interrupted, "but I must ask you to be precise in any instructions you may have to give, the more especially as Mr. Hawkins knows but very little of the affair we put through for you nearly a year ago."

"That's exactly why I sent for you, Weston," put in Mr. Hawkins, with a trace of irritation in his voice. "I naturally thought you would recollect the details of an affair which passed through your hands so recently."

"So I do, sir," I protested, "and I have abundant memoranda to fall back upon even should my memory prove defective. But Mr. O'Flynn spoke just now of people and trustees I never heard of before. So far as my work is concerned, it ended with the discovery of the missing heir, Mr. Luke Arnewood, in Queensland, and placing Messrs. O'Brien & Grudgery in communication with him. I understand, from what Mr. O'Flynn has said, that Mr. Luke Arnewood has not yet returned to this country."

"True for you!" broke in the Irish emissary. "And that's just what's bothering us all. He wrote, more than four months ago, to tell us he was on his way back; but sorrow would have we had of him since, and, as I'm telling you, the family's raising ructions."

"Then I presume you have come over here to ask us to find the missing man for you, a second time?" I suggested.

"Av coorse!" was the instant reply. "Shure, isn't that what I've been after telling you all the time? And, what's more, the next time you find him you are to send some one to bring him

back. Do you mind that, now?"

"Certainly," I assented, briskly. "Can you give me the date and postmark of his last letter?"

"I believe I can," he replied, producing a greasy-looking memorandum book. Yes; here we have it. "Royal Hotel, Cooktown, Northern Queensland," and the date July 7th."

"Did he say by what route he proposed to return?" I asked.

"No; not definitely. He proposed to visit Sydney, but had not made up his mind whether he would travel from there by the P. & O. line, or by way of New Zealand and South America."

One question more, Mr. O'Flynn. Did you remit him funds for the voyage?"

"You may well ask that," he replied, diffidly. "Seeing it's the first thing most men would have clamored for. But not he. He had, he wrote, ample funds on hand. Australia must be a wonderful place, entirely when an Arnewood can save money in it."

This was about all Mr. O'Flynn could tell me regarding the movements of the missing man. But, on the way to Euston Square he favored me with a full explanation of his previous references to the Arnewood family; and, as they proved to have a very important bearing upon the case, it is essential to place them upon record in this narrative. They will accordingly be found in their proper place, in the following memorandum (drawn up by me at Mr. Hawkins' request and by his guidance) of our previous relations with Messrs. O'Brien & Grudgery, respecting the missing heir of Arnewood.

I should premise that the facts, especially those regarding the family history, did not come to my knowledge chronologically, as I have set them down. What I aimed at was to place Mr. Hawkins (and with him, incidentally, any other reader) in possession of every single detail of the Arnewood case known to me at the hour of Mr. O'Flynn's departure for Dublin.

CHAPTER V.

The Heir of Arnewood.

The Arnewoods of Arnewood Hall, like many other old Irish families of good position, were descended from a trooper enriched by Cromwell at the expense of some unfortunate adherent of the Stuart cause. No title had subsequently fallen to them, as to dozens of families of similar genesis, but they had always held a foremost place among the squirearchy of the County Kildare. True, his descendants did not emulate the austere virtue of the Cromwellian soldier; indeed, they were known, throughout the somewhat dissolute Georgian epoch, as among the wildest and most spendthrift frequenters of Dublin gambling saloons and night clubs. But fortune, aided by a few heiress brides, always seemed to favor them; and when the head of the family, Basil Arnewood, died in 18—, he left an unencumbered estate worth nearly £4,000 a year, and £27,000 in hard cash.

Now, many years before, he had quarreled seriously, and, as it turned out, irrevocably, with his eldest son, George. Reports differed as to the cause of the quarrel. The son was known to be recklessly extravagant, and the general belief was that, in order to meet some exceptionally heavy losses upon the turf, he had forged his father's signature to a bill. Be that as it might, the estrangement proved complete. The young man disappeared, and the story given out was that he had emigrated to Australia, taking with him a circus girl (whom he had privately married) and their infant son.

There remained to Basil Arnewood one other son, Richard, and it was generally supposed that he would profit by the new act to bar the entail in the younger son's favor. Richard, however, also turned out to be a scamp, married beneath him, and died young, leaving behind him a motherless boy, also named Richard. This child the old Quire took charge of, avowedly only because he could not help doing so. He had him well educated, and, in due course, young Richard passed into a line regiment, and with a very scanty allowance to supplement his pay.

Whatever the Squire's ultimate intentions may have been with respect to the disposal of his property, he died practically intestate. A will was certainly found, disposing of his personal estate among a number of more or less distant kinsmen, with some minor legacies to servants and charities. But he had omitted to sign this document, which was, therefore, legally worthless. Nor had he taken any steps whatever to interfere with the entail. Consequently, every acre and every shilling passed to the eldest exiled son, George, or his heirs.

This was a very nice little windfall, of course, for Messrs. O'Brien & Grudgery, the family solicitors; and, equally, of course, they made the most of it. They were obliged, however, to take steps to discover the whereabouts of the absent heir, and finally decided on placing the work of inquiry in our hands. It so happened (as already stated) that Mr. Hawkins was very ill at the time, and the case, therefore, came entirely into my hands, as managing clerk.

At the risk of appearing to advertise the firm of which I am now a partner, I will venture to say that our agencies afford us very exceptional advantages for inquiries in the Colonies. These are, in fact, our specialty, and it was a knowledge of this fact which doubtless induced the Dublin solicitors to place the affair in our hands. I had, therefore, very little doubt that if Mr. George Arnewood were still above ground, our agents would find him. In addition to notifying them, I had the following advertisement inserted in the principal Australian weekly journals: "George Arnewood, of Kildare, Ireland, who emigrated to Melbourne in 18—, is earnestly requested to communicate at once with the undersigned. Father dead, intestate. Information respecting whereabouts of above-named liberally rewarded. Address Hawkins & Co., 39 Exeter Street, Strand, London."

Somewhat to my surprise, our first information came not through our agents, but as a direct reply to this advertisement, and from the son of the missing heir. It was not a lengthy communication, but was very much to the purpose:

Messrs. Hawkins & Co.—George Arnewood died three years ago in Gulgong, N. S. W. I am his only son, and have ample documentary evidence as to his identity, marriage, etc., and my own birth. My grandfather, Mr. Basil Arnewood, having (as you state) died intestate, I infer that I am heir to at least a portion of his property, though the entail was, I believe, barred years ago. Kindly inform me on this point. I can sail for England at once, if necessary.

Yours truly,
—Luke Arnewood.

P. S.—My father, for his own reasons, preferred to be known out here as George Arnot, and that is the name I, too, at present go under. So, when you write, address to Mr. Luke Arnot, as above.

To this letter I replied, stating that we were merely acting as inquiry agents for the family solicitors, from whom he would learn full particulars in due course. I forwarded his letter to Messrs. O'Brien & Grudgery, and there my task, for the time, ended.

The correspondence that ensued between them and Luke Arnewood proved to be entirely satisfactory as to the validity of the latter's claim. He sent a quantity of papers and letters left by his father, the certificate of his mother's marriage at Deptford, and of his own birth in Kensington, portraits of his father taken at intervals during his career (and, of course, easily recognizable by those who had formerly known him), and a variety of other documents sufficient to satisfy a dozen family lawyers. He even sent his own photograph, duly autographed, in order to facilitate their recognition of him upon his return. And, finally, declining all monetary assistance as unnecessary, he wrote to announce his forthcoming departure for England.

So far, all seemed plain enough. But the voyage home, even by the longest route, ought not to take more than six or seven weeks; and as more than four months had elapsed since the date of the proposed departure, the solicitors were becoming anxious and the other claimants to the estate were pricking up their ears. Failing Luke Arnewood, the heir would be his cousin, Richard, then stationed, with his regiment, at Dover; while after Richard, a distant kinsman, Philip Blake by name, stood next in succession. Captain Richard Arnewood's interest in his overdue cousin's fate was easily understood; and, indeed, even the more distant kinsfolk would naturally have their eyes open to possible contingencies.

The written instructions brought over by Mr. O'Flynn authorized me to prosecute our inquiries with the utmost dispatch, and without any special regard to economy in expenses. Consequently, instead of contenting ourselves with the postal service, as upon the former occasion, we made freely free use of the cable. And this time our Australian agents proved invaluable. They traced Mr. Luke Arnot to Brisbane. Thence the same individual traveled to Sydney as Mr. Luke Arnewood, crossed over to New Zealand, and, after a leisurely tour in that colony, finally booked his passage to England by the N. Z. S. N. Co.'s mail steamer Wairoa upon September 30th. The Wairoa (whose route was via Cape Horn) duly arrived upon November 18th, and an examination of her passenger list showed the name of L. Arnot among the saloon passengers. For some reason or other the wanderer had reverted to the fictitious name for this voyage. But no trace could be found of his movements after he had quitted the ship in dock.

To set the question of identity at rest, Mr. O'Flynn was sent over with called upon us to say that several of the officers and stewards of the ship had at once recognized in it their late passenger.

"May I see it?" I asked.

"To be sure," he answered, handing it to me.

I fairly jumped from my seat in amazement. For, despite the disfigurement caused by a violent death, the face of the man I had seen lying on the sofa in Tom Webb's room was unmistakably the original of the photograph!

CHAPTER VI.

Inspector Traill Steals a March on O'Flynn.

Some surprises are absolutely staggering in their unexpectedness. For fully half a minute I stood staring at the portrait, unable as yet to realize the full importance of the discovery I had just made. Then a doubt arose in my mind as to whether I might not, after all, be mistaken.

"Well," queried O'Flynn, eagerly, "do you recognize the face?"

"Yes," I answered; "or, at least, I am almost certain that I do. And, if my suspicions prove to be correct, our search for Luke Arnewood is at an end."

"How so? Where is he?"

"Dead," I replied, laconically. "He was murdered, here in London, some weeks ago."

Mr. O'Flynn's jaw dropped, and a look of the utmost horror came over his withered old face.

"Dead?" he repeated. "Murdered? Arrah, thin, and who in the world would want to murder the poor gentleman, and he only just landed from foreign parts? Shure, it's drawing you are!"

"I devoutly hope I am mistaken," I said, gravely; "but I fear I'm not. However, if you'll lend me this photograph for an hour or so, I'll soon verify or disprove my opinion. Come with me if you like."

The old clerk assented, and we proceeded together to Great Scotland Yard, where we were fortunate in finding Inspector Traill. With just a brief nod of salutation, I silently handed him the portrait. He studied it attentively for some moments; but, clearly, its resemblance to the murdered man did not strike him so quickly as it had me.

"Don't you recognize it?" I asked, a little impatiently, after a pause.

"Not to swear by," he answered, still continuing his scrutiny; "though it's certainly like him—allowing for what happened. Wait a moment."

(To Be Continued.)

The United States manufactures extensively perfumes from wintergreen, sassafras and several other woods and herbs.

BOLD, BAD BIGAMIST.

OPENLY COURTED AND MARRIED MISS MORGAN.

Borrowed Money of His Wife to Buy the Clothes in Which He Was Married to No. 2, Who Lived but Five Miles Away.

Perhaps the boldest bigamist of the century is John L. Blackford, who lived all his life in Plainfield, N. J., and who was known to thousands of people along the line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey as its state detective. He openly courted and publicly married Miss Alice Morgan, in Westfield, five miles distant from his home, where he lived with his wife. It was Blackford's cold nerve that enabled him to carry on his duplicity. Nearly eleven years ago he married Miss Ulrich, and their life was apparently happy. Blackford had known Miss Alice Morgan for a long time. She formerly lived in Plainfield, but removed to Westfield about five years ago. She knew Blackford was married. When Blackford began calling upon Miss Morgan about two years ago, she asked about his wife. He explained that they were divorced. This was accepted by the young woman and the members of her family. When the frequency of his attentions left no doubt of his intentions there was family opposition because of the supposed divorce. And this explains why it took two years for Blackburn to persuade Miss Morgan to marry him. She is a very pretty woman of 25, a blonde, with large, expressive eyes and a charming manner. She had many admirers, and among them men whose social position is much better than that of Blackford. Blackford made no secret of his devotion, and how it came about that in two years of wooing the facts never came out is one of the mysteries. It is strange, too, that Mrs. Blackford should not have heard of her husband's devotion to Miss Morgan. She is a dark, comely woman of 36, who has always been devoted to her home. Her husband's absences did not arouse her suspicion, because his business took him away from home at all hours of the day and night. Even now she says he never neglected her, but has always been kind and devoted. When Miss Morgan consented to marry Blackford last summer he gave her a diamond engagement ring. It was the same engagement ring he had given his wife and he secured it on a subterfuge that he wished to have it reset. He did have it reset, gave it to Miss Morgan and told Mrs. Blackford that he had lost the stone. He returned to her the old setting and actually inserted an advertisement in the newspapers offering a reward for the return of the stone. It was known in Westfield that Miss Morgan was to marry Blackford weeks beforehand. His frankness disarmed suspicion. The fact was published in the newspapers. When the day for the wedding drew near Blackford borrowed \$20 from his wife and bought a frock coat and waistcoat to wear at the ceremony. The night before the second marriage, Blackford passed at home with his wife. In the morning she gave him money with which to have his hair cut and be shaved. He even borrowed money to have his shoes shined. He told her he would not be home that night, as business called him away. Then he gaily went to Westfield to marry Miss Morgan. The ceremony took place in church at noon, and Rev. Dr. Caldwell performed it. Blackford's boldness reached the pinnacle of audacity when he invited reporters to the wedding and himself gave the facts. Blackford and his second wife went to New York that afternoon and went to Broadway Central hotel. The next morning he told the woman he had just married that he had to attend to some business. He left her and went to Plainfield. He passed the whole afternoon in his home. When night came Blackford returned to his second wife, and they moved to the Marlborough hotel. For several days he spent his afternoons in Plainfield with his first wife. Finally the proprietors of the hotel, becoming suspicious, investigated and apprized wife No. 1 of the state of affairs. She would not believe it at first, but finally the truth dawned upon her. Then she went to New York with her marriage certificate, and Blackford's arrest followed. When he was arraigned in court, Mrs. Blackford produced her marriage certificate, sobbing. Blackford was committed to the Tombs in default of \$5,000 bail. Miss Morgan said she would let the law take its course, but would not prosecute her deceiver. The real Mrs. Blackford went to the prison to see her husband, taking with her food and dainties she had purchased. His only words were upbraidings for interfering with him.

How Mark Twain Fills a Pipe.

Mark Twain smokes 3,000 cigars a year, but cigars merely represent his dessert in the way of smoking. The solid repast of nicotine is taken by means of a corn-cob pipe. Mark Twain is a lazy man, and likes to do things with the least trouble to himself. He smokes a granulated tobacco which he keeps in a long check bag made of silk and rubber. When he has finished smoking he knocks the residue from the bowl of the pipe, takes out the stem, places it in his vest pocket, like a pencil or a stylographic pen, throws the bowl into the bag containing the granulated tobacco and puts the bag into his coat pocket. When he wishes to smoke again (this is usually five minutes later) he fishes out the bowl, which is now filled with tobacco, inserts the stem, and strikes a light.

HOW TO WOO SLEEP.

Rules by Which Victims of Insomnia May Find Relief.

The immediate cause of insomnia is abnormal activity of the brain, which draws an undue amount of blood to that organ. Cold feet usually accompany a heated brain. To re-establish normal conditions the tension must be removed and the blood drawn from the brain to the extremities, thus equalizing circulation. A scientist who studies brain fag recommends gymnastic exercise to precede repose. The following exercises, each repeated several times, are recommended: Standing normally, inhale slowly. Vigorously stretch the arms out horizontally from the shoulders, energizing them to the finger tips. At the same time rise on the balls of the feet. After remaining motionless for a few moments, slowly relax the arms, return to the normal poise and exhale. Stretch the arms in front of the body and repeat the exercise; also stretch them directly upward and repeat. Unite the three movements of the arms, raising them horizontally, forward and upward, rising on the balls of the feet, inhaling and exhaling as before. Next stand with the weight on one foot. Extend the other a long step diagonally forward, touching the toe to the ground. Partially transfer the weight to the forward foot, at the same time bend the knee as much as possible and raise the heel high from the ground, keeping the whole of the back foot on the ground until this position of the bent knee and the raised heel of the forward leg is firmly taken. Then gradually pull all but the toe of the back foot from the ground, while pressing down forcibly, as if overcoming a strong resistance, with the forward leg. The forward knee straightens, the whole foot comes to the ground and the weight is transferred to the forward leg during the movement. Slowly transfer the weight to the back leg, forcibly pushing that foot to the ground as the heel of the forward foot rises. If sufficient force is exerted in pressing the feet to the ground, after five minutes' practice they will glow and tingle. That the extremities be warm is a necessary condition for slumber. Lying in an easy position, first realize that you are now safe in bed, free from care and ready for refreshing sleep. Then slowly raise the arms as high as possible, the hands relaxed. More slowly still lower the arms, letting the fingers touch the covering first, then the hand, the forearm, and last the nerve force is released from the shoulder and the whole arm is at rest. Accompany the exercise with deep, slow respiration. Repeat this several times, more slowly each time. The exercises sound lengthy and tedious. They prove to be neither when tried. Many people are troubled with wakefulness in the night after a short sleep. It requires determination to rise and take exercise, although that is the only way in which some persons can obtain relief.—London Mail.

An Actor's Eccentricities.

Macready was a dreadful man to act with; you had the pleasant sensation of knowing that you were doing nothing that he wanted you to do, though following strictly his instructions, says Mrs. John Drew in Scribner's. He would press you down with his hand on your head and tell you in an undertone to stand up. Mr. Macready was a terribly nervous actor; any little thing which happened unexpectedly irritated him beyond endurance. One night at the Park "Macbeth" was the play. Mrs. Sloman, an old-fashioned actress, dressed Lady Macbeth in the manner which prevailed in her early life—in black velvet, point lace and pearl beads. In the murder scene part of his dress caught on the tassels of her pearl girle; the string broke, the beads fell on the floor, softly, with a pretty rhythmic sound, distinctly heard through the intense silence of the scene. This so exasperated Mr. Macready that he was almost frantic, until with the final lines of the scene: "Wake, Duncan, with the knocking, oh! would thou couldst," he threw Mrs. Sloman off the stage, with words which I hope were unheard by the public and were certainly unfit for publication.

How He Won His Promoted

"Mr. Green," said the city editor, "I am pleased to tell you that you are getting along very well. At first I did not hope for you. Your vocabulary is not so good as you have improved much. I suppose you are getting on in your evenings studying new reporter kicked his heels against his right heel. 'I'm afraid said. 'Then how do you do the improvement in words an ing?' inquired the city editor, was a kindly man and hadn't been city editor long. 'I dunno, unless I eat in the alphabet soup they give me at my boarding house.' Whereupon the new reporter was immediately transferred from the suburban beat to the joke department.—Detroit Free Press.

A Limited Supply.

Northerner—It is only a question of time when the barbarous custom of lynching will be abolished, even in the south. Southerner—Very true, sah. Very true. The niggers can't last forever.

How It Happened.

Mrs. Flats—"Why, John, there is steam in the pipes!" Mr. Flats—"The janitor is visiting in the country, and his wife doesn't know how to run things."—Syracuse Herald.

The Tribune.

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The Red River Valley Hail Insurance Co., of Wahpeton, has been closed up and a receiver appointed for the concern. Assets, \$8,000; liabilities, \$50,000.

The next home-seekers excursion to this place over the "Soo Line" leaves Minneapolis on the 28d of next month. Fare for the round trip, \$12. Fuller particulars elsewhere in this paper.

Horatio Rubens, who was counsel for the Cuban junta at Washington during the revolution, is authority for the statement that "no country on earth is more at peace than is Cuba to-day."

Fire started Wednesday evening about 9 o'clock in Hall's livery barn at Fessenden and consumed half the South Side business portion of the town before the flames could be subdued. The loss will aggregate \$25,000; insurance very light.

FRIESTS OF CASTILIAN BLOOD

Two Grand Old Men of Wonderful Energy and Ability.
"These high-class" Spanish priests are wonderful men," said a prominent Catholic to a New Orleans Times-Democrat man. "I never encountered two finer gentlemen and more accomplished scholars than Archbishop Barnada, who was consecrated here recently, and Archbishop Zubiria, who passed through New Orleans recently. Monsignor Barnada is archbishop of Santiago de Cuba and Monsignor Zubiria is archbishop of Durango, old Mexico. Both are over 75, yet they are actively administering offices that are fully as important from a merely material standpoint and vastly more trying than the governorship of states. Their duties are complex and arduous to the last degree, yet they think nothing of long journeys by land and sea, and neither of them betrayed the least signs of fatigue. Such physical vitality was amazing and their mental activity was equally remarkable. I found them not only men of wide general culture, but they were thoroughly au fait in the affairs of the day and exhibited a keen and lively interest in current events. I found it almost impossible to realize that they had reached a period when all cares are laid aside. The two archbishops have the best Castilian blood in their veins and are certainly magnificent types of their race. I doubt whether the present generation will produce many such grand old men."

Lifted Across the Mountains.
It is a remarkable fact that water which flows naturally into the gulf of California and thence into the Pacific ocean has been virtually lifted across the backbone of the Rocky mountains and now, after being used for irrigation, finds its way to the gulf of Mexico. A number of small streams on the other side of Long's peak, which flow into Grand lake and thence into the Colorado river, have been diverted by a ditch that finds its way through a pass 10,000 feet high into the headwaters of the Poudre. Some 400 cubic feet per second have thus been diverted from the Pacific to the Atlantic slope, where the water is used for irrigating additional farms in Larimer county. It is not strictly correct to say that this water has been lifted across the range, but a feat of sinuous engineering has diverted it.

Parade Changes Route to Please Boys.
From the Kansas City Journal: At Belleville there were two sick little boys who were eating their hearts out because they could not see the circus parade. Mr. Sells, the circus proprietor, came to hear of these boys, and he one of the mayor of the town to show the boys the parade. It was not show him the principal streets, but ing of plan of that Mr. Sells had the ing until he pass along that way, and taken ever the invalids sat in a window about thirty ft. It wasn't much, but it der to secured to dance uneasiness view a posse who have been cockscrew played. Circus man can enter the king- be made heaven.

Herr Krupp.
lly, Mr. Krupp, who is one of the rich- awn men in Prussia, is a son of the ounder of the Essen steel works. Old Krupp started with two men in 1827. The son now employs 20,000 workmen in the mills and mines and has built them 20,000 houses.

To Her Advantage.
Ruby—"So there's been a reconciliation? Did he say he'd take his words back?"
Pearl—"No; but he said he'd take his presents back. Then I had to give in."

Superior women do not allow themselves to be charmed but by the graces of the mind and superiority of character.—Balzac.

Are you a subscriber to THE TRIBUNE?

Cooking in Sweden.
A lady who has just returned to this country from the Land of the Midnight Sun said to a Philadelphia Press reporter: "After we had seen our fill of rocky headlands and enchanted lakes and fjords, we went to a seaside resort, where we had rooms overlooking the water, and went to a matsal, or 'meatroom,' for our meals, as every one does in Lysekil. We had a special table and were waited upon with the never-failing amiability by a special waitress, and we paid for one party of four \$10.60 per week for our meals. What did we get to eat? Not canned peas or skimmed milk or tough chicken. For breakfast we had meat, eggs, tea, coffee, delicious fish and fancy breads. For dinner, soup, fish, meat and a dessert, the whole preceded by the Swedish smorgasbord, which is a sort of side table where all sorts of relishes are laid out. Rarebits, eggs, sandwiches, raw or pickled herrings, with chopped onions, sliced sausages, caviar, anchovies, cheese, sardines, pickles and salted and savory meats are served in endless variety, and, though tourists usually fight shy of the smorgasbord, we became perfect Swedes as far as it was concerned. We had such a good time in Lysekil and saved so much of our precious pelf that we were able at the end of our stay to take a trip to Paris for a few days' shopping, a dinner at the Ambassadeur's, and a peep at the budding revolution."

The Always Thus.
"Isn't it strange," said a worried-looking woman, "that callers always select just the piece of furniture to sit on that you don't want them to? The couch in our sitting room has a number of the springs broken, and one of the chairs is in a rather shaky condition. The other evening two young men called on my daughter. We had arranged it so the members of the family would be sitting on the couch and in the broken chair. The first young man made a bee-line for the couch and the other slid into the broken chair, when my daughter got up to greet him. To add to our embarrassment the chair promptly collapsed."—Cleveland Press.

Paul Jones' Grave.
The grave of Capt. John Paul Jones has not been located by the government through its inquiries of the embassy in the French capital. He died on July 18, 1792, in Paris, and was buried with the highest honors by the French government, but the place of his burial cannot now be determined.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for January.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for January starts the new year in great form, with a generous literary and artistic menu, including the following pieces of resistance: "America at the Paris Exposition," a comprehensive article by the Hon. Ferdinand W. Peck, commissioner-general for the United States, thoroughly illustrated from the official plans, with views, portraits, maps, etc.; "England's Free Hand on the Nile," by G. W. Stevens, the world-famous correspondent of the London Daily Mail and author of "With Kitchener to Khartum," brilliantly illustrated by Warren B. Davis and H. C. Edwards; "Way-side Views of Life in Persia," by that keen and philosophical observer, Robert E. Speer, who brings from the ancient, historic land many up-to-date pictures, photographic as well as mental; "Artistic American Furniture," by Florence Milner, who describes with fine aesthetic taste, as well as thorough knowledge, the fine-de-siecle products of the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is the great furniture manufacturing center of America; "New Year's Day in Japan," by that interesting Japanese writer, Onoto Watanna; S. R. Crockett's latest story (complete), entitled "The Promotion of Sergeant Cubison"; another quaint short story, "The Misses Potter's Chaparrone," by Harriet Nash, and a good installment of the new, Sheridan-like "Bath Comedy," by Agnes and Egerton Castle, illustrated by E. Luis Mora. There are also delightful poems and "Marginalia" sketches by Edith M. Thomas, Robert Loveman, Alice Hallam, Wallace Dunbar Vincent, Elinor Swatman, Margaret P. Boyle and R. K. Munkittrick.

Landseekers Excursions

ON THE "SOO LINE"
To the Free Homestead Lands in
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Our Immigration Agent, Mr. Nelson Lawson, will go to Bowbells, Ward county, N. D., with land-seekers, leaving Minneapolis on TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 1900. Land-seekers wishing to go can call at room 722, Guaranty Loan Building, Minneapolis, before 9 o'clock in the morning, or you can take the train west of Minneapolis where it stops. Mr. Lawson will supply you with tickets on the train. The fare up to Bowbells will be \$12, limited to return within 10 days. Please let us know how many we may expect from your locality, so that we may make proper arrangements.

Train leaves Minneapolis, Milwaukee depot, at 9:45 in the morning and stops for passengers at the following stations: Buffalo, Annandale, Eden Valley, Paynesville, Belgrade, Brooten, Glenwood, Lowry, Farwell, Hoffman, Barret, Elbow Lake and Fairmount. Yours truly,
D. W. CASSEDAY,
Land and Industrial Com'r.
Write for map showing location of lands.

Bowbells!

The new town of Bowbells is located in the famous Des Lacs Valley, in the Central part of Ward County, N. D., on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie R'y--'Soo Line.'

BOWBELLS is located in the center of one of the finest tracts of agricultural lands in North Dakota. Over 700 settlers have taken up land tributary to BOWBELLS, and new settlers are moving in every day. Over 120 settlers have filed on lands around BOWBELLS so far during the present month of December. Within a year from now BOWBELLS will have upwards of 1,500 prosperous settlers on lands tributary to it.

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The Tribune.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29, 1899

Mr. Lawson wires us that lots 5 and 6 in block 4 were sold a few days ago.

Miss Katie Christianson has accepted a position as clerk in O. H. Johnson's store.

Wheat—1 northern, 51c; flax, \$1.25; oats, 30c; potatoes, 35c; butter, 20c; eggs, 25c.

"Old Blenk" expects three cars of the favorite Valley City flour by tomorrow's freight.

The Bradley "Star" pumps are the best pumps on the market. For sale by A. A. Hassard.

Az. Rohrback expects to start soon for the Mouse, on a trip combining business and pleasure.

The Monitor and John Deere bob-sleighs are of good material, strong and durable. For sale by A. A. Hassard.

Don't neglect to take in the necktie party at the Lavoy on New Year's night. This promises to be the event of the season in Bowbells.

Mike Mertes has gone on a short visit to his old home at Avon, Minn. He promises to bring several settlers back with him on his return.

A. A. Hassard and Wm. Shockley had dinner with Frank and Dave Landis last Sunday. It takes one set of bachelors to enjoy the other's cooking.

Ralph Abbott writes that Mrs. Abbott has already become homesick at her old Minnesota home and is eager to return to busy, bustling Bowbells.

Traveling Auditor Jones of the "Soo Line," was in town on Friday last checking up ex-Agent Satran's accounts and posting the new agent, G. Baidard, on the conduct of the office.

Lots 1 and 2 in block 1 have been sold to strangers who did not make their business known, any more than to state that good buildings would be erected thereon in the early spring.

Report has it that Jens Peterson has sold lot 12 in block 3 to Minnesota parties for \$500 cash, hence will erect his new building on lot 11, adjoining. Mr. Peterson but recently purchased lot 12 for \$140.

A letter received from Besieker & Davidson, the well-known bankers, states that they expect to begin work on their new hotel and bank building here not later than the middle of March.

We have received No. 1 of Vol. 1 of The Anamoose Progress, a bright and clean six-column folio just started at Anamoose—down the line—by Jas. C. McKinney. We wish Bro. McK. success and The Progress progress.

Attention is called to the card of Ole J. Stompro in another column. Mr. S. is an expert at well-drilling, has a full kit of the most approved machinery, and will keep on hand a full line of pumps, pipes and other articles pertaining to the well business.

Postmaster Lesh took out a load of landseekers yesterday, who, after a most thorough investigation of the country to the east, located nine claims on the east side of Des Lacs Lake, the farthest being not more than seven miles from this place and the nearest just six miles by section lines.

Charles Good, an old friend of the Blenkners, is here from Oakes looking over the town with a view to putting up a building and opening up a business of some kind. He is a steady, industrious gentleman, of sterling qualities, and will make a valuable addition to the rapidly growing population of our embryo city.

R. B. Stewart and daughter Anna arrived here Wednesday morning and left this morning for their home in the southern part of the state, to return again in March with a colony of seven families for whom Mr. S. made selections six miles east of town. He also secured a four days' option on lot 12 in block 9 at \$200, deal for which we expect him to close the middle of next week.

The question of incorporating the village of Bowbells is being agitated and The Tribune unhesitatingly gives its name to its approval. This will afford us the only sure means of encompassing internal improvements demanded by the early and rapid growth of the town. We would, therefore, suggest that those in favor of it get together at an early day and take action looking to incorporation soon as may be. Who will take the initiative?

J. A. Englund has secured the agency for the celebrated Dowagiac shoe drill.

Banker Landsborough and Mr. Burger, of McLehan & Burger, spent Xmas week with friends at Park River.

The immense safe to occupy quarters in the First State Bank of Bowbells arrived this morning and will be moved to the bank building at once.

Minot must be in deep, deep mourning. The Reporter says the authorities have closed up all the tin-horn gambling establishments in the city.

C. E. Christensen, formerly hardware merchant here, started yesterday morning for Vermilion, S. D., where a nice looking girl awaits him. Ed. knows it is cold weather.

John Mertes, father of Mike Mertes, 2½ miles southwest of here, visited him this week and as an approval of this country filed yesterday on 160 acres of North Dakota dirt.

Miss Anna Stewart, who arrived here Wednesday morning with her father from Harlem, Sargent county, and who has been quite ill at the Lavoy since her arrival, is convalescing.

F. A. Russell, proprietor of the City Meat Market at Hankinson, and one of the best horsemen in the state, writes THE TRIBUNE that he will be in Bowbells early in March with a car load of first-class work horses for sale.

K. W. Shafford announces in another column that he is going into the poultry business on an extensive scale, and besides buying all the poultry that may be offered he will keep on sale a full line of the most approved incubators. He is an expert at this business and we look for him making it an unqualified success.

Harvey Advertiser: The First State Bank of Bowbells have received their charter and will commence business January 1, 1900. The promoters of the institution are Walter Bond, president; John O. Hanchett, vice-president, and G. L. Bickford, cashier. Messrs. Bond and Bickford we are not acquainted with, but different with Mr. Hanchett. If the two gentlemen are anything like Mr. Hanchett we prophesy for Bowbells one of the best and safest banking institutions along the "Soo Line." As a hustler Mr. Hanchett is hard to beat and when it comes to getting business, he gets it, and "don't you forget it."

Ex-State Auditor N. B. Hannum, Lawyer B. G. Tenneson and C. O. Heckle, all of Sheldon, Ransom county, were here on Sunday, returning on the east-bound flyer Monday morning. Notwithstanding the day was cold, they took a trip into the country and made selections of choice homesteads. A member of the party also purchased several lots on the east side of block 1, fronting on Minor street—for what purpose was not stated. Ex-Auditor Hannum expressed the opinion that Bowbells bids fair to very soon be the peer of any town in the north part of the state in point of wealth, business and population.

W. T. Clement, civil engineer in the employ of the "Soo Line," arrived on the west-bound train from Minneapolis on Sunday and after breakfast at the Lavoy proceeded to plat an addition of eight new blocks to the village—four of which are to the north, two to the west and two to the east—the original plat of four blocks having all been disposed of. There is a great scramble for choice of lots in the new addition, and present appearances indicate that ere the rising of the sun on the first day of May next the last lot will have been sold, making necessary a third addition. "Expansion" is the word in "Bowbells on the Soo."

Miss Emma McConnell telegraphs THE TRIBUNE from Rugby, this state, asking how near Bowbells two good claims can be had, and in what direction. We answered the young lady by wire, as requested, but the question is a hard one for satisfactory answer, as what would suit some persons would be objectionable to others, therefore in a general way we want to impress it upon all making such inquiries that while there is yet good land to be found in every direction from town, at distances varying from five to eight miles, the proper thing to do is to come on without delay, look over the country and make selections while the opportunity holds out. There is good land to be found in every direction at reasonable distances from town, but it won't be so very long.

The building for the First State Bank of Bowbells is rapidly approaching completion.

The dance out at George Conrad's on Monday night was well attended and all report having had a good time.

The frame for the State Bank of Bowbells building is up and if the weather continues favorable it will be ready for occupancy by Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Blenkner spent Xmas week with friends at Minot, and Charlie looks ten years younger for the outing. He lays it to Mouse river ozone.

Postmaster and Mrs. Lesh are now comfortably located in their new quarters on Main street, and they take a very just pride in their spacious new building.

Agent Messenger of the Eureka Elevator Co., informs us that he has shipped out 27 cars of wheat to make room for a cargo of the far-famed Harvey's Best flour.

Charlie Clark may be over here from the hills early in the spring with a bunch of range horses to sell. They will be grade Percherons, ranging from 1,000 to 1,400 pounds in weight and from four to six years old.

F. L. Sanders of Clinton, Minn., was here this week inspecting the country and filed on a choice claim on the shore of the beautiful Des Lacs Lake. Mr. S. returned to Clinton today to get his family, etc., ready for removal here at the earliest possible day.

We this morning received the following:

VALLEY CITY, N. D., 28, '99.

Mr. T. B. Hurly, Bowbells, N. D.:

Sir—Purchase lot 6 in block 4 that you selected for me. Make out the papers and send them to the First National Bank at Valley City and I will deposit the purchase price with the bank for the same.

MRS. CHRISTINA HANSON.

[Sorry, but you are too late, Mrs. Hanson. This lot, after being held at your option for several days, was sold to a gentleman from Minnesota last Wednesday.—T. B. H.]

Albert Lea, Minn., Ex.: Robert Emerson, Albert and Emil Zuker, Sidney and Henry Harrison, Berney Jones, Uwin Lakes; Wm. Doublehammer, Nunda; J. Siverling, H. E. Hendrickson, John Helgeson, A. Helgeson and H. Jacobsen, Glenville; Ole Amundson, J. Peterson, F. True and L. Brice, Northwood, and Mr. Slater of Bristol, Ia., returned Saturday night from a land inspecting tour in North Dakota. All these gentlemen took homesteads not far from Bowbells and expect to return in the spring. Aug. Zuker and A. N. Flaten were also with the party but could not take up homesteads because they already own land.

Peter Quady is loud in his laudations of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blenkner, and in fact of the whole Blenkner family, for the great care given and their untiring efforts in behalf of his son Leo. The young man has been laid up at the Blenkner homes since about two weeks previous to the amputation of his leg and is still there, and these good people have bestowed on the unfortunate lad a watchful concern and care that must at once commend them to every one acquainted with the circumstances—and all this without the slightest hope of pecuniary reward. Mr. Quady also speaks of the good offices of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lavoy in the same behalf.

HYMNIAL.

LARSON-BREIFF.

At noon on Christmas day, at the residence of the bride's parents, Elder and Mrs. J. A. Weaver, one mile west of town, took place the marriage of two of our most popular young people, Mr. Lawrence P. Larson, of the firm of Larson & Culp, and Miss Elsie M. Reiff. Rev. A. W. Hornbaker of Kenmare tied the nuptial knot. There were present at the ceremony only the immediate relatives and a few of the most intimate friends of the contracting parties. The presents, coming principally from friends abroad who were unable to be present in person, were numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Larson at once settled down to housekeeping pending the opening of spring, when the happy couple contemplate making an extended tour of the east. THE TRIBUNE joins their multitude of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for a long life of conjugal bliss.

WEAN-REEVES.

At high noon on Christmas day, at the home of the bride's parents one mile east of Harvey, Charles A. Wean, son of William Wean of this place, and Miss Pearl L. Reeves, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. E. Compton of Fessenden. There were present a large company of relatives and invited guests, and many valuable and appropriate gifts were bestowed on the newly-married couple. Mr. and Mrs. Wean came up to Bowbells on this morning's train, and tomorrow leave on a wedding trip to Medicine Hat, to be gone two weeks, when they will return and make their home at Enderlin.

Necktie Party

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JAN. 1, 1900

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UNIVERSITY FAIR

One of the leading New York merchants recently made a window display of artificial flowers which caused much pleased feminine comment. At the same time women wondered how they were to be used. Certainly not as hat trimmings. Milliners are putting posies on bonnets gingerly. What then? The exhibition was made to give us suggestion for decorating our winter evening gowns. Lovely laces, shimmering satins, sparkling sequins, billows of tulle and chiffon are insufficient for such full dress toilettes as fashion requires this season. And natural blossoms cannot be depended upon to keep their life and charm in the heated atmosphere of a reception or ballroom. So the best possible imitations of the real flowers are sanctioned again, to add the soupçon, bouquet, wreath or garland of desired color. Velvet is the material frequently used for blossoms and leaves. Perhaps one shade or another of purple oftenest is repeated in the blooms, which appear in familiar forms of pansy, violet, heliotrope; not so frequently in the morning glory and petunia. And for novelties there are plenty of lavender-purple orchids, trumpet and passion flowers, besides tulips. After these

the insurance business, and his death would cost English, German, French and American companies not less than £2,000,000. "No other person," said a big insurance man, "carries 20 per cent of the insurance, but comparatively little of it is for the benefit of his family, perhaps not more than £200,000. It is a curious fact," continued the insurance man, "that £400,000 or £600,000 of insurance, perhaps more than that, has been placed on the life of the prince of Wales as a speculation by persons who do not know him and have never had any relations with him whatever. This would not be possible under the insurance laws of the United States, but it is allowed by some of the English companies. In England any man may secure a policy on the life of a neighbor, provided that he can persuade the neighbor to submit to a medical examination, or find a company which has recently had him examined. Thus, when the prince of Wales undergoes an examination for insurance, lots of speculators apply to the same company for insurance on his life, or get certified copies of the report of the medical examiner and

I considered the best looking—she was quite a young girl—and we were walking side by side. We had just reached the place where the horses were picketed, when I heard an ominous rattle in the bunch of grass. I turned, and as I did so I saw a monster rattlesnake coiled up ready to spring at my companion. I grabbed her by the shoulders and gave her a shove which landed her ten feet away in the grass. She didn't know what struck her; neither did the rattler when I fired a 44 cartridge into it. As soon as the Indian girl regained her composure and saw what I had done for her she put her arms around my neck, and I actually had to scramble to keep her from kissing me. In lieu of the kiss I gladly took this string of beads which she wound around my neck. I prize the beads highly, but I'm going to take them off, for they are always slipping up so that everybody can see them."

A New Heat Process.
An illustration is given in the Chemical News of the new heat process brought forward by a German investigator. A rivet, such as is employed in bridgework, is imbedded in a mixture of oxide of iron, sand and

the foot of the bed, listened in silent grief. At ten o'clock the dying man, after much effort, made those around him, who included four servants, understand that he wished to be buried decently, and that his body might not be put in the vault until three days after his death. The last words he was heard to say, when he was told that he had been understood, were: "Tis well." Not long after his breathing became easier; he rested quietly; he even made a movement to feel his own pulse, but his countenance changed, his hand fell, and he died without a struggle or a sigh. Major Lear motioned that the end had come. "Tis well," said the widow in a composed voice. "I shall soon follow him."

SHOE-BUCKLE HISTORY.

How the Gentlemen of Many Years Ago Dressed Their Feet.

Once on a time your shoe was nothing without the buckle. Indeed, it was a case of the "tail wagging the dog," for the buckle was the attraction and the shoe but the accompaniment. Be it observed that at first, however, it was not the size, but the costliness or



come strange blooms never grown on bush or tree. One needs to know her botany, and much else besides, to account for the flowers and the inspirations of imitations which she may wear on her new evening gowns. Black flowers of curious invention are commended as contrast with fellows with delicate hue. Thus, a frock of white China crepe is touched up at the corsage with a nosegay of warm pink carnations and their foliage and two or three blooms of the same sort in dead black, sometimes satin, again velvet. Black tulips are in demand since the play of this name, current in London, has achieved a certain vogue. Knots of black velvet are preferred to black flowers by certain fastidious women who cannot abide distortion of nature. A dress from shell pink faille française, made with no attempt at eccentricity in being cut simply a carefully fitted skirt with spoon-shaped train, has a decolleté bodice of Honiton point lace over shell pink satin. Panné velvet ribbon in the hue of the gown has knots on the left shoulder, with a rose of black satin and another from soft pink. At the corsage top the ribbon stops in its crossways downward course to entwine another pink flower or two, and at the belt the ribbon finally ceases to wander, consents to knot side by side with two big loops from the artificial rosebush, one black, one pink. A finish ever so pretty is given to the parted, waved coiffure by a pink rose with two transparent, iridescent butterflies hovering over it. Notice, by the way, that wee pearl earrings, pendant, are worn with confidence, and perhaps beauty, with this effective gown. The invariably popular violet forms a rich decoration for a gown of fine white applique lace. The small flowers, in violet and satin, are strung by their stems from a garland of more violets joined invisibly. The lengths end at the sides of the skirt under handfuls of artificial maidenhair ferns. Another wreath and more ferns encircle the low neck and form floral epaulets at the shoulders. No evening coiffure is complete without a touch of something related to the gown. This particular toilet is finished by a couple of witching knots in the hair, done from black baby ribbon and furnishing a setting for a little growth of white violets. Tiger lilies are strange favorites in a hot-house age. Yet they ornament one or more gowns done from black and yellow. Other homely garden blooms, including big blue bachelor's buttons, are on a dress of harmonizing blue satin.

The new permission to enjoy imitation flora needs to be enjoyed with care lest it be revoked. Nothing is uglier than badly made flowers of a crude line, unless it is shabby ones.

Dragon flies in fine silver net touched up with sequins are of later coiffure favor than butterflies. A tinsel-winged thing in black and silver which, never was lends movement to a coiffure of the new fashion, parted at the side.—Margery Daw.

The Prince of Wales' Insurance.
From Tit-Bits: The prince of Wales is the heaviest risk of any patron of



use them with other companies. It is pure speculation. They pay a high premium—a margin, so to speak; or, to put it in another way, they book a wager with the insurance companies that the prince will die before the total of their premiums exceeds the amount of their policy. Therefore many persons would be financially benefited if Albert Edward should drop off suddenly one of these fine days."

SAVED SQUAW'S LIFE.

And She Presented a String of Beads to the Trooper.

Kansas City Journal: Men who wear necklaces are not common, consequently J. W. Echols, a trooper of the Ninth cavalry, stationed at Ft. Apache, Ariz., attracted a great deal of attention at the union depot yesterday. Echols is on the way to his home in Boston, after three years in the service of Uncle Sam. He was honorably discharged a few days ago. A little romance lingers upon the string of beads, which lay tightly against the tall trooper's neck in five or six coils. "I got them from a Moqui Indian girl," said Echols, "for saving her life. Shortly after troop E returned from Cuba with the rest of the Ninth, a sergeant and twenty men were detailed to accompany a track train from the railroad station to the fort. On the way to the station we stopped in an Indian village for dinner. A lot of squaws gathered around with bead-work and Mexican trinkets to sell, and we joked and laughed with them and made a few purchases. We had our horses picketed just outside the village and when we went after them the squaws followed us. The Moquis are notoriously ugly, and whenever we saw a squaw who was even passably good looking we became quite attentive to her. I had picked out the one

aluminum powder and the whole plunged in sand in a wooden box. On top of the aluminum mixture which must just emerge from the sand in the box, is placed a small lump of a mixture of aluminum powder and an easily reduced oxide, in which is fixed the end of a short piece of aluminum ribbon. The reaction is started by lighting the free end of the magnesium, more sand being immediately placed on the top of the mixture, so that as little heat as possible may be lost. If at the end of a few moments the contents of the box are emptied out, the rivet will be found to be quite redhot and ready to be forged. Working in an analogous manner, the inventor claims, steel tubes may be welded together at the most trifling cost, and even two bars of soft steel can be fused together. Indeed the temperature obtained under these conditions may, it is asserted, be higher than that realized in the electric furnace.

Last Moments of George Washington.

When George Washington felt that death was drawing near, he asked his wife to bring him his wills from his desk, and indicated which of the two should be destroyed. Toward night he became very weak. "I find I am going now," he said, and added, after giving injunction as to his accounts and papers, "It is the debt which we must all pay." Occasionally he made such remarks during the evening as, "Doctor, I die hard, but I am not afraid to go, and you had better not take any more trouble about me, but let me go off quietly; I cannot last long." Dr. Craik could do little more than press the hand of his old friend and then sit by the fireside in the simply furnished room, sadly waiting for the end. Mrs. Washington, seated at

the buckle which was conspicuous. Thus among royalties, people of high rank, and those who were the glass of fashion, and the mold of form at court, wore diamonds. Needless to say that then, as now, those who desired to imitate them wore paste buckles, happy, perhaps, in that self-complacency which imagines nobody else shrewd to estimate possibilities. In 1720 a leader of fashion would wear a full flowing curled wig reaching in ringlets half way down back and arms, a laced coat cut straight, with buttons put on in every possible place—thereby, by the way, affording a remarkable similarity to the "pearlies" of the popular and up-to-date costermonger—and square-toed, black shoes with an enormous flap on the instep, high heels, and on the flap a small but brilliant buckle. Next to the buckle of brilliants came those of gold. Rich landowners and equally rich merchants, men whose reputation for being "warm"—or in the then recent Alsatian fashionable slang "rhinocerial," a quite obsolete synonym for moneyed—wore gold buckles larger than the diamond ones, but still small in proportion to the shoe flaps. Your thriving shopkeepers wore buckles of silver, and your opulent farmers those of shining steel, and the poorer classes had buckles of brass or iron; but of some material every one wore buckles on the shoes. Indeed, so wide-reaching was the depreciation in bucklemakers' work when, at the epoch of the French revolution, people in general followed "Roland the Just's" example and took to shoe ribbons, that the bucklemakers actually, in their desperation, petitioned George III. and parliament that shoe ribbons should be forbidden under penalties, clamoring for a renewal of the sumptuary laws of Plantagenet and Tudor with an apparent inability to read the signs of the time. A spasmodic attempt was made by the princes and their entourage to benefit the bucklemakers by wearing buckles as ostentatiously as possible; but ribbons, decidedly far more picturesque though much more practical, carried the day.

"Not If It Were My Boy."
Some years ago the late Horace Mann, the eminent educator, delivered an address at the opening of some reformatory institution for boys, during which he remarked that if only one boy was saved from ruin, it would pay for all the cost, and care, and labor of establishing such an institution as that. After the exercises had closed, in private conversation, a gentleman rallied Mr. Mann upon his statement, and said to him: "Did you not color that a little, when you said that all that expense and labor would be repaid if it only saved one boy?" "Not if it were my boy," was the solemn and convincing reply.

A Real Calamity.
From Judge: Edythe—They say this Transvaal war will raise the price of diamonds. Beatrice—Horror! Just as if we poor girls didn't have a hard enough time getting engaged now.

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LARGE GAIN IN IMPORTS FROM NEW POSSESSIONS.

Total for Ten Months \$280,624,871—Trade Possibilities Awaiting Tropical Territories Supplying Our Market—Send Little to Them.

The commercial possibilities which await the tropical island territories which have come into closer relationship with the United States during the past year in supplying a permanent and growing market in this country are suggested by a compilation made by the treasury bureau on statistics of the importation of tropical and subtropical products into the United States during ten months of the present year, compared with that of the corresponding months of the preceding year. This importation amounts to the surprisingly large sum of \$280,624,871, during the 300 days in question, or an average of over \$1,000,000 for each business day of the year, showing that for the full year the total will reach more than \$300,000,000. For the same period in the preceding year the total was \$216,888,455. The compilation includes raw silk, tea and rice, and the small proportion of our sugar imports, which is manufactured from beets; but even if these be omitted, the total which would be clearly entitled to be classed as tropical products would exceed \$250,000,000 annually. Sugar, coffee, Indian rubber, fibers, tropical fruits and nuts, cocoa, tobacco of the finer grades, spices, gums, indigo, dyewoods and cabinet woods form the important features of this large importation, and all of them articles for which the United States is absolutely dependent, with the possible exception of sugar, upon other parts of the world, and for the present at least for the large proportion of our sugar. Of our sugar importations in the ten months just ended, Cuba has furnished 683,000,000 pounds, other West Indies 514,000,000 pounds, the Hawaiian Islands 534,000,000 pounds, the Philippine Islands 50,000,000 pounds, while the East Indies have in the present year furnished a larger share of our sugar importations than any other single part of the world, the total number of pounds from the East Indies alone being for the ten months ending with October, 1,078,907,548 out of a total of 3,767,756,981 pounds. Coffee, of which our importations are growing constantly and rapidly, amounting to about 850,000,000 pounds annually, as against an average of about 550,000,000 pounds in the earlier years of the decade, is successfully grown in all of the islands in question, and, at one time, was a very important crop in Cuba, as well as at present in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines. Fiber, of which the importations in the present year will amount to \$20,000,000 in value, can readily be grown in all of the islands.

The Mission of Language.

It is the mission of language and literature in education to bring young individual life into accord with the molds of historical life, says President Benjamin Ide Wheeler in the Atlantic. Mind is expanded in the molds of mind; not in the lifeless geometric cells of logic and reasoning, but in the life cells shapen to contain the products of the soul—the whole, the living soul. The practically logical mind is a healthy, well-nourishing mind—nothing more or less. Such mind is produced by feeding it during the years of development upon healthy normal food, not upon the embalmed food of the logicians or the chemists. The Chinese mandarins trained upon language and innocent of pure logic are said to be the keenest practical logicians in the world. The forms of reasoning, indeed, to which a child is stimulated in catching the meanings of sentences of the mother speech, or which a boy uses in making out the meaning of a sentence in his Caesar from the imperfect data of words and syntax, are the forms of contingent reasoning which are almost exclusively employed in the decisions and judgments of actual life. Men who pretend to regulate their lives according to well-constructed syllogisms—and it must be pretense or self-deception, for there are no such syllogisms in life—are generally regarded as impossible men. They are what are politely known as cranks.

Giovanni Segantini.

Giovanni Segantini, the celebrated landscape painter, whose death was recently announced, was engaged on a panorama of the Alps, a colossal work, for the Paris exhibition. His early life was singularly romantic. He was born in 1858 at Arco, in the Tyrol, on a slope of the Alps overlooking Italy. His mother died when Giovanni was five years old, and his father handed him over to the charge of a sister at Milan. He ran away when he was seven years of age and set out on a long tramp to Paris. One evening he was found exhausted by fatigue and hunger, and was taken compassion on by some farm people, and set out to look after the pigs. He delighted in this pastoral life, and like Giotto he began drawing his humble companions on pieces of stone and slate. This was the beginning of his career as an artist.

Exasperating.

Chicago News: Quinn—When women imagine themselves wits they are a menace to the community. DeForte—You must have met some of late, Quinn—Yes, my wife. She asked me if a sea horse was in any way related to a bay mare.

An Arctic Incident.
"I'm after you," cried the hunter. "I don't give a wray," retorted the seal. Thereupon he skinned off.—Philadelphia Press.

Prosperity for 1900.
Indications point to great prosperity for the coming year. This is a sign of a healthy nature. The success of a country, as well as of an individual, depends upon health. If you have any stomach trouble try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters which cures dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness.

A Penalist.
"Government by the people," declared Loftman, "is a failure." "Oh, I wouldn't take my defeat for such a small office as the legislature so much to heart," rejoined McManly.—Philadelphia North American.

PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.

Robert Fjellman, Wilmot, S. D., pipe wrench; Frederick W. Flakker, Wheaton, Minn., animal trap; James L. Kimball, Mountain Iron, Minn., sash holder; John T. Morris, Minneapolis, Minn., automatic tank valve; Emil A. Nelson, Hallock, Minn., photographic background carrier; Gustav A. Peterson and A. Olson, Florence, Minn., artificial bait; Mahlon H. Vinkle, Okla., N. D., acetylene gas apparatus; John Wester, Triumph, Minn., sack holder. Marvin, Lathrop & Johnson, Patent Attorneys, 911 & 913 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul.

Had Been There Before.

Mrs. Gillian—Now, Mrs. Wykoff, we really must say good-bye. Dear, while you are putting your overcoat on I want to tell Mrs. Wykoff a secret. Mr. Gillian—All right. I'll just go and get my hair cut and meet you on the corner.—New York Press.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Oldest Piece of Furniture.

What is probably the most venerable piece of furniture in existence is now in the British Museum. It is the throne of Queen Hatshe, who reigned in the Nile Valley some 1,600 years before Christ.

In Winter Use Allen's Foot-Ease.

A powder. Your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous, and often cold and damp. If you have sweating, sore feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A bachelor says a wife is undoubtedly a good thing to have around the house—to blame things on when they go wrong.

Call a woman an angel and she will plead guilty every time.

Ayer's 20th Century Almanac

(Not the ordinary kind.)

A handsome year-book filled with beautiful illustrations, and a complete calendar. It is sold on all news-stands for 5 cents, and it's worth five times that amount. It is a reliable chronology of the progress of the 19th century and a prophecy of what may be expected in the 20th.

Here are a few of the great men who have written for it:

Secretary Wilson, on Agriculture; Sen. Chauncey M. Depew, on Politics; Russell Sage, on Finance; Thomas Edison, "Electricity"; Gen. Merritt, "Land Warfare"; Adm. Hichborn, "Naval Warfare"; "Al" Smith, "Sports".

You will enjoy reading it now, and it will be a book of reference for you through the years to come. Sixty-four pages, printed on ivory finish paper.

If your news-dealer cannot supply you with it, cut out this ad. and send it with three one-cent stamps and receive this elegant book free. Address J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

A political cartoon by J. J. Moore from 1900. It depicts a muscular, bearded man representing the 20th century, holding a scythe and standing over a pile of severed figures labeled with years from 1801 to 1899. The man is labeled '20th CENTURY' on his chest. The background shows a rising sun with rays and the year '1900' written vertically on the right.

SAVE		TIN
YOUR		TAGS
<p>"Star" tin tags (showing small stars printed on under side of tag), "Horse Shoe," "J. T.," "Good Luck," "Cross Bow," and "Drummond" Natural Leaf Tin Tags are of equal value in securing presents mentioned below, and may be assorted. Every man, woman and child can find something on the list that they would like to have, and can have</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">FREE!</h2>		
	TAGS.	TAGS.
1 Match Box.....	25	33 Clock, 8-day, Calendar, Thermom-
2 Knife, one blade, good steel.....	25	eter, Barometer.....
3 Scissors, 4½ inches.....	25	\$24 Gun case, leather, no better made.....
4 Child's Set, Knife, Fork and Spoon.....	25	\$25 Revolver, automatic, double action,
5 Salt and Pepper set, white metal, quad-	25	15 or 38 caliber.....
6 Triple plate, one blade.....	50	\$26 Tool Set, not playthings, but real
7 French Briar Wood Pipe.....	50	tools.....
8 Razor, hollow ground, fine English	50	\$27 Toilet set, decorated porcelain,
steel.....	50	very handsome.....
9 Butcher Knife, triple plate, best	50	\$28 Remington Rifle No. 4, 28 cal., 280
quality.....	50	Watch, sterling silver, full jeweled 100%
10 Sugar Shell, triple plate, best qual..	50	\$29 Dress Suit Case, leather, handsome
11 Knife, "Keen Kutter," two blades.....	75	and durable.....
12 Stamp Box, sterling silver.....	75	\$30 Sewing Machine, first class, with
13 Butcher Knife, "Keen Kutter," 8-in	75	all attachments.....
blade.....	75	\$31 Revolver, Colt's, .38-caliber, blued
14 Shears, "Keen Kutter," 6-inch.....	75	laid.....
15 Nut Set, Cracker and 6 Picks, silver	100	\$32 Mandolin, very handsome.....
plated.....	100	\$33 Wipe-off repeating Shot Gun,
16 Beer Hall "Association" best qual. 100	100	12 gauge.....
17 Alarm Clock nickel.....	100	\$34 Remington, double-barrel, ham-
18 Six Genuine Rogers' teaspoons be-	150	mmer Shot Gun, 10 or 13 gauge.....
stated goods.....	150	\$35 Tricott, standard make, ladies or
19 Watch, nickel.....	200	gentle.....
20 Carvers, good steel buckhorn	200	\$36 Shot Gun, Remington, double bar-
handles.....	200	rel, hammerless.....
21 Six Genuine Rogers' Knives.....	250	\$37 Regina Music Box, 1¼ inch Disc.....
best plated goods.....	250	
22 Six each, Knives and Forks, buck-	350	
horn handles.....	350	
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and Forks, best plated goods.....	400	

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SLID INTO THE SEA

**TERRIBLE DISASTER AT AMALFI,
ON THE GULF OF SALERNO.**

An enormous rock on which stood the Capucini Hotel slid bodily into the sea, carrying with it the hotel, a monastery, the Hotel Santa Caterina and several villas—Many people buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea.

Rome, Dec. 24.—A terrible disaster took place at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Capucini hotel, slid bodily into the sea with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capucini monastery below, the Hotel Santa Caterina and several villas.

Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived upon the scene and begun rescue work. It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact number.

Amalfi is a small but lively town of 7,000 inhabitants situated at the entrance of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains and rocks of the most picturesque forms. The Capucini monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Pietro Capucino for the Sisters, but came into possession of the Capucini in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the great rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 258 feet, contained fine cloisters.

FORTY CHILDREN DROWNED.

Broke Through the Ice on the River Lys.

Brussels, Dec. 24.—Upward of forty school children were drowned yesterday in an ice accident at Frelingham, near the French frontier. The children of the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen river Lys. When the merriment was at full height the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half-dead, but the majority were drowned. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing. The catastrophe carried consternation throughout the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

THE LAWTON FUND.

Generous Response to the Appeal of the Committee.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The committee engaged in raising a fund for the relief of the widow and four young children of the late Maj. Gen. Lawton are gratified with the generous response to their appeal, and now suggest through the press that all those feeling able and so disposed, make a Christmas offering to promote the work in hand. It is proposed to cable Mrs. Lawton on Monday the result as evidence of the appreciation of her husband's splendid services and the sympathy and regard in which she is held by her countrymen.

WON'T LEAVE PRISON.

Obstinate Convict Giving Trouble to the Warden at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Two years ago J. Dinglenno was sentenced by the federal court to serve a two-years' sentence in the Folsom penitentiary and pay a fine of \$2 for having counterfeited tools in his possession. His term expired on Nov. 23, but he refused to pay the fine and declines to take the pauper's oath, saying he is content to remain a guest of the state. The warden of the prison has asked for legal advice as to how he shall proceed to eject the convict.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Decision of Supreme Court in the Borden Case.

Washington, Dec. 24.—In the case of Fred Borden against the First National Bank of Hawarden, Iowa, the supreme court decided that a writ of certiorari could not issue until the case had been passed upon by the court below. The appeal was therefore dismissed.

Robbers Caught in the Act.

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 24.—Five robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to rob William C. Sharpe's private bank at New Paris, blowing a safe door through the ceiling. They were frightened away by citizens aroused by the explosion. The robbers made their escape on a hand car.

Deluge of Bills in the House.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The officials of the house of representatives have struck a balance on the recent deluge of bills, showing that up to the recess the record stood: Total bills introduced, 5,015; joint resolutions, 95; simple resolutions, 65; grand total, 5,175 measures of all kinds.

Shot Himself.

New York, Dec. 24.—William Mutter, forty-two years old, senior member of the firm of Kimball Brothers & Co., tobacco manufacturers at 48 Franklin street, New York city, committed suicide by shooting. He is said to have lost considerable money in Wall street recently.

Deed of a Brute.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Because Ermine Johnson, aged sixteen, remonstrated with him for kicking a cow, Broder Campbell buried a stone at the boy, fracturing his skull and driving the bones into his brain. Johnson is dying. He is the son of a prominent citizen.

Samuel Goldberger, the Tammany election district captain of New York, who was convicted of colonizing in the recent election, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Sing Sing.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

Government Will Try to Make Sailors Out of Farmers.

New York, Dec. 23.—The converted cruiser Dixie arrived from Philadelphia yesterday, having on board 400 lads from the Mississippi valley, who are to be converted into sailors. The experiment was made at San Francisco, which now is at San Francisco, is recruiting farmers from the Pacific slope and inland and will bring them to this port. He is expected here in April. Both ships, with the recruits aboard will circumnavigate the globe, showing them the sights while teaching them how to follow the sea and manage Uncle Sam's navy. Since the restoration of peace it has been difficult to get sailors to enlist in the navy. It is thought that the present plan will provide all the men required, and also that a better class will be obtained for the crews of the new battleships Kearsarge, Kentucky, Alabama, New Jersey and other ships which will be placed in commission in the spring. The Dixie will remain in dry dock until after Christmas, when she will go to Norfolk, thence to the West Indies and later to Europe, probably to France, first of all. As no other government has tried to make sailors out of farmers, the experiment will be watched with interest by naval officers all over the world.

KILLED BY A WOMAN.

Circumstances Seem to Justify the Shooting.

Natick, Mass., Dec. 23.—Lewis Perry, aged thirty-three, a Spanish war veteran, was shot and killed yesterday by Miss Lizzie Morse at her home in West Natick. Four shots were fired, two of them taking effect, one in the heart. Miss Morse, who was placed under arrest, says that the circumstances justified her in shooting Perry. The Morse family is one of the wealthiest and best known in town. Miss Morse and members of her family claim that Perry and Arnold Slappen, on bicycles, rode up to the Morse house, demanded admittance, without stating their business, and, upon being refused, smashed several windows. Miss Morse went to the bureau drawer and loaded a .22-caliber revolver. She claimed the men went around to the front of the house, where Perry finished smashing the glass in the windows and climbed in in spite of her remonstrances. After gaining an entrance he grabbed Miss Electa Morse and wrenched from her a croquet mallet with which she tried to protect herself. Lizzie rushed to her sister's assistance, informed Perry that she would shoot him if he did not leave the house. He gave her a terrific blow with the mallet and felled her to the floor. She managed to get up again and told Perry to get out of the house, when he dared her to shoot. She then fired four shots at Perry, who managed to climb out of the window and fell dead.

STEAMERS DAMAGED.

Fire Among the Shipping at New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—Fire among the shipping in North river at the foot of Thirty-fourth street yesterday seriously damaged the excursion steamers Harvest Queen and Andrew M. Church, three canal boats and a tug. The excursion boats were filled with bales of straw and had been a refuge for tramps, one of whom, it is believed, set fire to the straw. The boats were sunk. In the hull of the Harvest Queen was found a human body, burned beyond recognition, but thought to be that of Robert Tiernan, a homeless man. Several persons also say they saw a man jump from the burning lighter W. E. Stillman into the river when the blaze was at its height. Nothing was seen of him afterward. The financial loss was about \$25,000.

SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

New Yorkers Will Give Expression at a Great Mass Meeting.

New York, Dec. 23.—American sympathizers with the Boers will hold a great mass meeting in this city within the next few weeks. This was definitely determined upon at a conference of well known New Yorkers. Under the chairmanship of Former Judge Van Hoesen, it was decided that the best way to show the sentiment of the people is through a great mass meeting to be held as soon as possible after the holidays, either in Madison Square Garden or Cooper Union. The conference agreed upon a permanent organization to raise a fund for the Boers, their wounded soldiers and orphaned children.

OCEANIC ALL RIGHT.

Arrives at Liverpool Only Sixteen Hours Behind Her Best Record.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—The White Star liner Oceanic, from New York Dec. 13, arrived here at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The Oceanic, which was reported overdue, was only sixteen hours behind her best record. The anxiety for her is said by a representative of the line to have been caused by the fact that she did not stop at Queens-town as usual. The failure to stop was due to the prevalence of a dense fog when Daunt's rock was reached.

STREET CAR DYNAMITED.

Strikers Disclaim Responsibility for the Act.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—For the third time since the strike was declared against the Springfield Consolidated railway Nov. 10 a street car was dynamited at 11:30 o'clock last night. The car was blown off the track and completely wrecked. No passengers were aboard and neither the motorman or conductor were injured. The strikers disclaim any responsibility for the act. The explosion occurred in the heart of the city and caused great excitement.

Accident or Suicide.

New York, Dec. 23.—Winslow Robinson, a wealthy resident of Stapleton, Staten Island, died at his home there last night from a pistol shot wound inflicted an hour before. The police have reported the case as one of suicide. The family claim it was accidental shooting. Mr. Robinson had been in poor health for a long time.

Seven Persons Injured.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—Seven persons were injured by a street car collision on a bridge here last night.

FOR LAWTON'S SAKE

**SUBSCRIPTIONS POURING IN FROM
ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.**

Sympathy of the People Showing itself in the Prompt Response to the Suggestion Made in Behalf of the Widow and Children of the Gallant Commander—Handsome Amount Will Be Realized—Several \$100 Contributions Already Received—An Unknown Gives \$1,000.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Adj. Gen. Corbin, the head of the committee charged with the collection of funds for the benefit of the family of the late Gen. Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of sympathy and of willingness to co-operate from all quarters of the country. Some of these are accompanied by contributions of money, and, altogether there is promise of a generous response to the committee's appeal.

Gen. Charles King telegraphed from Milwaukee that the committee could count on a proper response from that city to the appeal.

The brokerage firm of Worden & Co., New York, have voluntarily undertaken to collect funds of the stock exchange. The committee aim to collect at least \$25,000.

The first subscription in Washington came from a clerk in the war department, who contributed \$2 from his salary to start the list of contributions.

Gen. Corbin received a telegram from Gen. R. A. Alger, saying: "I send \$100 for the Lawton fund."

Maj. Gen. Shafter, at San Francisco, telegraphed that he would do everything in his power to help Mrs. Lawton.

A telegram was received from Mr. C. H. Hamilton of Milwaukee, saying that the citizens of that city authorized him to offer \$1,000 as a nucleus for a fund for the widow and family of Gen. Lawton.

Gen. Corbin received a telegram from a gentleman in Pennsylvania, who does not wish his name made public, contributing \$1,000 to the Lawton fund.

Other contributions received are as follows: Secretary J. H. May, \$100; Assistant Secretary H. A. Taylor, \$100; Mrs. Addison Porter, \$100; McCoskey Bratt, New York, \$100.

The Riggs National bank of this city has been designated as the depository of the Lawton fund.

Lieut. Col. Clarence Edwards, who was temporarily acting as Gen. Lawton's chief of staff, has been instructed by the secretary of war to superintend the transportation of Gen. Lawton's remains and accompany them to this country.

LAWTON'S SUCCESSOR.

Will Not Be Named Until After the Death of War.

Washington, Dec. 23.—It is said at the war department that the vacancy in the list of major generals of volunteers caused by the death of Gen. Lawton will not be filled until after the funeral services over his remains at Manila, prior to their transportation to the United States. It is said among well informed officers of the army in this city that the appointment will go to either Gen. John C. Bates, Gen. S. B. M. Young or Gen. Lloyd Wheaton. These officers have the rank of brigadier general of volunteers and each has distinguished himself in active military service in the Philippine islands. It is also understood that Brig. Gen. A. R. Chaffee, who has been chief of staff to Gen. Brooke, commanding the division of Cuba, is likely to be relieved of duty in that division in a short time and given an important command with the army in the Philippines.

Gen. Lawton held the office of inspection general with the rank of colonel in the regular establishment. His death makes the following promotions in that department: Lieut. Col. Peter A. Vroom, to be colonel; Maj. Charles H. Heyl, to be lieutenant colonel. A vacancy is thus created in the list of majors and inspectors general which probably will be filled by transfer from the line.

LAWTON'S RESTING PLACE.

National Cemetery at Washington Most Appropriate.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—Gov. Mount expressed himself in favor of the burial of Gen. Lawton's remains at Arlington, Washington. "Of course, the wishes of Mrs. Lawton should be consulted," said he, "but it would be most fitting and appropriate that Gen. Lawton should be buried in the National cemetery near the seat of the government he served so long. It would be a grand thing could all of our heroes be buried there."

FIGHT IN MISSISSIPPI.

Blacks and Whites Dispute About the Right of Way.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 23.—Word has just reached this city of a fight between a party of whites and blacks on the Kemper county overland road about six miles north. One white man, Oscar Ford, was mortally wounded and two others were more or less seriously injured. It appears that the whites were without arms, while each of the nine negroes carried a revolver. The two parties met on the highway and a dispute over which was entitled to the right of way precipitated the difficulty. A posse consisting of the sheriff and twenty-five deputies is being organized to go in search of the murderous blacks. There is much excitement.

Spell It Puerto Rico.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The government has finally adopted "Puerto Rico" as the official spelling of the name of that island, and hereafter all official documents will adhere to that form. The board of geographic names decided in favor of this some years ago, but the usage has not been uniform.

Paper Currency.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 23.—The assembly has passed a bill authorizing the issue of treasury bills to the amount of \$4,000,000.

MINNESOTA BANKS.

Public Examiner's Report Shows Prosperous Condition.

St. Paul, Dec. 24.—The state banks of Minnesota have increased their deposits 50 per cent in the last eighteen months and their loans and discounts more than 25 per cent in the same time. In the last half year they have accumulated profits averaging nearly 5 per cent on their capital stock. The figures appear in a statement tabulated by Public Examiner Pope of the call of Dec. 2, compared with the call of July 14, '98, and June 20, '99, as falling nearest to the end of the state's fiscal year, and for the call of April 5 last spring. The number of state banks in this period has grown from 146 to 178. Generally the figures give indication of more active business.

LEFT THE HIDES AT HOME.

Prominent Cattle Man Arrested for Neglect of Law.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 24.—A prominent cattleman named C. C. Ripley, who resides across the line in Wyoming, was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$100. He had brought a load of dressed beef to town to sell, and the stock inspector here caused his arrest for the reason that he did not bring along the hides of the animals slaughtered, which is a requirement of the law of this state. The law of Wyoming requires that the hides of cattle shall be hung up for twenty days so that they may be examined by the stock inspectors.

BJORNSTADT ON DUTY.

Hospital Operations Having Been Successful, He Is Now on His Way to the Philippines Again.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Capt. B. W. Bjornstadt, formerly of the Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers, who has been appointed captain in the Forty-second infantry, now in the Philippines, has reported at the Presidio to await transportation to his regiment.

Fine Varsity Building.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 24.—The Wisconsin university regents have approved of the plans of Engineering Dean J. B. Johnson and Architect Jennings for the new university engineering building. It will be a three-story hydraulic gray brick building, to stand on the upper campus between Science hall and North hall, the main entrance facing south. Owing to the steep slope there will be a subbasement, then a basement proper, three main floors and an attic drawing room, making six floors. The building will cost about \$100,000, which sum was appropriated by the last legislature. The building must be ready for occupancy by Oct. 1, 1900, and contracts will be let in February.

Starving in a Dog Kennel.

Kenyon, Minn., Dec. 24.—Julius Schramm, a man bowed down with years and grief, was found in a deserted dog kennel, one mile south of Kenyon, nearly starved to death. For nearly three weeks he has been lying there without food to sustain him. He had been able to obtain water from a spring which flows a few feet from the door of the kennel. He says he came from Sleepy Eye, where he works in the summer and stops at a boarding house in winter. He gave his age as seventy-four.

Pfenig's Disappearance.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 24.—The police here were informed yesterday that Max Pfenig was seen ten days ago at Toronto, Canada. Pfenig was the man thought to have committed suicide by jumping from a Flint and Pere Marquette steamer in mid-lake a month ago. Several of his friends here allege to be heavy losers financially through his disappearance.

Resulted Only in Delay.

Willmar, Minn., Dec. 24.—What might have been a very serious accident occurred here Wednesday morning. The east-bound passenger train ran through a misplaced switch just after pulling out from the depot. The engine, baggage car and mail car were derailed, but no damage was done. A delay of about two hours was incurred.

Barge 115 Found.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 24.—An authentic report from Saint Ste. Marie says barge 115, lost in the big gale a week ago Wednesday, has been found on the north shore of Lake Superior, ground near Pic River, about seventy-five miles northeast of this place.

Assault on Skips.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 24.—Joe Miller stabbed and seriously injured Adolphus Bruicked at Hofacker & Smith's billiard room. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Miller, who left the city on horseback immediately after the cutting.

Model House for Unfortunates.

Black River Falls, Wis., Dec. 24.—The new county insane asylum in Trempealeau county, about twenty-five miles from here, is very nearly completed and the people are very proud of it, as it is by far the finest building in the county.

South Dakota Gold Output.

Lead, S. D., Dec. 24.—The state inspector of mines completed his report yesterday. It shows the output of gold in the Black Hills for the year to be \$9,131,466. This is an increase of \$2,000,000 over last year.

Guilty of Murder.

Muscatine, Iowa, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of George White, charged with shooting Mrs. Nellie S. Crispin last July, returned a verdict of guilty of murder, fixing the punishment at imprisonment for life.

Fire at Le Sueur.

Le Sueur, Minn., Dec. 24.—A fire partly destroyed the house of Thomas Hessian, attorney. Loss over \$1,500. Mrs. Hessian's hair was badly burned while fighting the fire.

Petrified Foot of a Giant.

Cumberland, Wis., Dec. 24.—The foot of a petrified man was unearthed near here. It is twenty-one inches long and the ankle is thirty-five inches in circumference.

WOOD TAKES CHARGE

**FORMALLY INSTALLED IN THE
GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.**

Resignation of Members of the Advisory Cabinet Accepted—Their Retirement Meets With Public Approval as They Had Made Themselves Obnoxious to the Majority of Cubans—Gen. Wood Has Captivated Everyone—Pleased With the Quiet, Determined Way He Takes Hold of Things.

Havana, Dec. 23.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood formally took charge of the governor general's office at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. His first act was to accept the resignation of the members of the advisory cabinet of Gen. Brooke. These officers, after considering the question over night, had decided to insist on retiring. Their decision meets with public approval. Almost without exception they had rendered themselves obnoxious to the majority of Cubans. One prominent Cuban said:

"The chief act of the advisors of Gen. Brooke, if they wish to rehabilitate themselves with their countrymen, is to resign and thus cause forgetfulness."

The Lucha, contrasting Gen. Brooke's with Gen. Wood's advent, says: "Gen. Brooke's proclamation was unfortunate as it contained errors. Gen. Wood, although promising nothing, speaks volumes by his quite determined manner of taking charge of affairs. He has captivated everyone."

Gen. Chaffee is receiving numerous congratulations upon his appointment to be a brigadier general in the regular army. It is believed here that the post of chief of staff will be abolished and that Gen. Chaffee will succeed Gen. Wilson as the governor of Matanzas-Santa Clara, or will remain in Havana-Pinar del Rio, Gen. Ludlow succeeding Gen. Wilson. It is also believed that no governor will be appointed for Santiago province, but that an experiment in civil government on a much broader scale than ever will be initiated there under Gen. Wood's supervision from Havana.

Gen. Wood visited the prison and penitentiaries and seemed much pleased, although he would not comment on his observations. He was accompanied by Gen. Chaffee and Gen. Ludlow.

There have been no fresh developments in the case of the arrest of the ten customs appraisers and the whole matter is being thoroughly investigated.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the temperature in Havana was 73 degrees, Fahrenheit.

STRUCK IT RICH.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell Will Proceed to Enjoy Their Klondike Wealth.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Dr. Luella Day, who two years ago left here for the Klondike, and whose death was reported in a snowslide, arrived at the Auditorium hotel and was registered by Edward McConnell, also a Klondiker, as his wife. Mrs. McConnell "struck it rich" near Dawson, and her husband, who had already been years in the Alaskan gold fields, owns several rich claims. Mrs. McConnell declared that after a couple of years, which she and her husband intended to spend in travel, she will return to Chicago and erect a home and hospital for the treatment of crippled children.

PLACED ON THE TEXAS.

Removal of the Bodies from Cuban Cemetery to Be Buried at Washington.

Havana, Dec. 23.—The removal of the dead of the Maine was not accompanied by any ceremonies over the bodies, as, newly coffined, they were placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until all was completed. At 10 o'clock last night ten wagons formed a procession, carrying 151 coffins to the Machina wharf, passing through unfrequented streets. The bodies reached the wharf at 11:30 under a strong guard from the battleship Texas, were placed aboard two steam lighters before daylight and were taken to the warship at 6 a. m.

SHOT IN AN ELEVATOR.

Tragedy in Which Two Lawyers on Opposite Sides of a Case Are the Principals.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23.—F. M. Etheridge, a prominent lawyer in this city, shot Attorney Edwin D. Harrell four times in a crowded elevator in the North Texas building. Harrell died later at his home. Harrell had a pistol half-cocked in his hand as he fell. Etheridge is in custody. The men were employed as counsel on opposite sides in litigation involving cotton mill property and quarreled concerning professional affairs.

Snow Storm in Texas.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 23.—News from Fort Davis is to the effect that a severe snow storm prevailed there Monday and Tuesday and was still snowing when the report was sent out. The snow was then about six inches deep on the level, and in some places banks a depth of two and three feet. The heaviest fall that has been visited place in a great many years.

Senator Bradbury Ill.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 23.—Ex-United States Senator James W. Bradbury is dangerously ill. He is in his ninety-first year, and is not expected to recover.

Australian Wheat.

Melbourne, Dec. 23.—The Argus of this city publishes a forecast of the wheat harvest of this country, in which it says the average yield is 9.37 bushels per acre, and that the exportable surplus is 13,000,000 bushels.

Caused \$50,000 Loss.

Iola, Kan., Dec. 23.—At Lee Harpe, five miles east of here, fire destroyed two-thirds of the Lanyon Zinc company's plant, causing a loss of \$50,000. Two men were killed by a falling smoke-stack.

Banker Found Guilty.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Ferdinand Lemieux, local manager of the defunct Ville Marie bank, was found guilty of preparing and sending to the government false statements as to the bank's condition. He got three years.

TUNNEL UNDER BUTTE.

Rich Copper Vein to Be Developed in Heart of the City.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—Alex Tarbot, a Salt Lake mine owner, has closed a deal with the owners of the mine rights to the Destroying Angel and Copper Bottom lode claims, by which he secures a controlling interest for \$300,000. The veins run through the business portion of the city, and the Destroying Angel was uncovered recently by parties who were excavating for the foundation of a hotel. It has developed into the richest copper vein in this district, and the new owner intends to tunnel under the city, and as soon as the deal was closed yesterday afternoon they started to sink a shaft which will be put down 1,000 feet at the corner of Broadway and Arizona streets, within half a block of the two principal hotels and the city hall.

IMPLEMENT DEALERS.

They Meet and Agree Upon Uniform Prices.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 23.—The implement dealers of the northern part of the state gathered together in this city and transacted considerable business of importance. This meeting was of special interest for the reason that it was the first of the kind ever held in the Red river valley. The purpose of the meeting was for the advancement of their own interests in the way of uniform prices and manner of working their respective districts. Two long sessions were held, both of which were entirely secret, and but little direct information concerning what actually transpired could be ascertained.

Authorities Are Vigilant.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 23.—Whether or not there was an attempt to blow up the cruiser Leander, as reported a few nights ago, the Esquimalt authorities have become more strict. Where there was one officer in charge of the dockyards at night, there are now ten and twelve additional watchmen patrolling the navy yard. Visitors are refused admission and the guns of the port are now manned by a crew of gunners night and day. The officers disclaim all knowledge of a plot against the Leander.

North Dakota Educators.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 23.—The thirtieth annual convention of the North Dakota Educational association will be held in this city Dec. 27-29. A very extensive programme has been prepared. Some of the most prominent educational men of the state are down for addresses or papers, and the local committee anticipates the largest attendance ever known in the state.

Blackleg Among Cattle.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 23.—Blackleg is causing some losses among the herds of some of the farmers living in the eastern part of Brule county. John Smith states that since last July he has lost fifty head of calves, yearlings and two-year-olds. I. J. Boney is losing quite a number and other farmers report having lost more or less during the past few months.

To Mine Copper in Wyoming.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 23.—Gen. John Ludwig, together with a number of other prominent men of this city, are interested in the copper mines of Grand Encampment, Wyo., and have just completed the organization of a mining company to be known as the International Copper Mining and Milling company. The capital stock is fixed at \$600,000.

Dr. Williams Dead.

Atkinson, Wis., Dec. 23.—A telegram from Santa Barbara, Cal., announces the death of Dr. Edward H. Williams, senior partner of the Baldwin Locomotive works of Pennsylvania. Death was due to heart trouble. Dr. Williams was prominently connected with early railroads in Wisconsin. He was knighted by the king of Sweden and Norway.

Sale of Wisconsin Lands.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 23.—A sale of state land was made by the land commissioners and the amount disposed of was only 4,000 acres, less than has ever been handled at any previous sale. This is all the state land on the market, the remaining 312,000 acres being withdrawn by an act of the last legislature.

Series of Accidents.

Washburn, Wis., Dec. 23.—The round house and pumping station of the Bigelow railroad was totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$2,000. Yesterday morning their grader tent and outfit was burned and one of their men, Martin Hulby, was instantly killed by a tree striking him.

Inheritance Tax.

Red Wing, Minn., Dec. 23.—The estate of Mary Purdy recently paid the first inheritance tax of \$500 in Goodhue county. The Revenue Collector Lobdell was in the city to collect \$